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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), our Executive Board, local chapters, and members, I am writing to express support for the FIRST STEP Act (S. 2795/H.R. 5682). We applaud the White House and Congress for soliciting feedback from NOBLE and the law enforcement community in finalizing the content of this very important legislation. We feel the FIRST STEP Act strikes a balance between maintaining public safety while improving re-entry, rehabilitation, workforce training programs, and sentencing.

It is NOBLE's hope that this legislation strengthens bi-partisan efforts in reforming this nation's criminal justice system to ensure equity in the administration of justice. Our organization joins many law enforcement leaders in the belief that America can reduce incarceration levels while also reducing crime.

Lastly, we encourage the White House and Congress to continue to explore the establishment of a National Criminal Justice Commission. The purpose of this commission would be to undertake a comprehensive review of the criminal justice system.

We thank all parties who helped in the development of the FIRST STEP Act (S. 2795/H.R. 5682) and look forward to working collaboratively in ensuring equal protection under the law for all Americans.

Sincerely,

Vera Bumpers
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NOBLE