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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Democratic Leader
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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
House of Representatives
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Dear Leaders:

On behalf of the more than 200 CEO members of Business Roundtable, we write in strong support of the FIRST STEP Act and meaningful criminal justice reform. We encourage the House and Senate to send this bipartisan bill to the President’s desk for signature before Congress adjourns for the year.

CEOs especially support the provisions that would grant greater access to in-prison education and workforce training. Creating more pathways to a career will benefit those re-entering society, their families and their communities.

The bipartisan approach toward criminal justice reform demonstrates the ability of members of Congress to come together on issues that benefit individuals – in this case, former prisoners – and society at large.

The sensible changes as included in the FIRST STEP Act would help reduce recidivism and ease re-entry into society for those formerly incarcerated.

Sincerely,

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