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Dear Area Pastor,

I want to take this opportunity to provide you with some follow-up information subsequent to the all-pastors meeting held at my office on June 28th. At the June 28th meeting I discussed the Project Hope Re-entry initiative, and how my office might collaborate with the faith-based community to address the needs of those incarcerated individuals who are soon to be released back into the community. A great number of collaborative ideas were discussed at the June 28th meeting. One of my proposals was that as churches engage in prison ministry, they also take the opportunity to provide incarcerated persons with an informational community reference guide created by my office for their benefit. My proposal was enthusiastically received, however, several of the assembled pastors asked that my office provide them, and any interested congregants, with an orientation session prior to them engaging in any jail visitation. To that end an orientation session has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th, at 6 pm, in the sanctuary of Living Word Christian Center located at 1401 Government St. in Mobile, AL. The orientation session will cover jail/facility procedures for engaging in prison ministry, a description of a community resource guide produced by my office for the benefit of re-entering ex-offenders, as well as some tips in regard to life skill topics that you and your congregants can discuss with soon to be released inmates. I strongly encourage you and your congregation to get involved in this very important endeavor. Your participation has the potential to change lives and make our communities safer places in which to live.

If you or any of your church members are able to attend, please notify my assistant, Gloria Patton, at gpatton@usdoj.gov or 251-441-5845. I look forward to seeing you on August 15th, but in the meantime please feel free to review the re-entry resource information posted to my office's website at www.justice.gov/usao/als/rei.html.

Sincerely,

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