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Dear Area Pastor,

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to a very important meeting at my office on Thursday, June 28th, from 3pm-4pm. This meeting will focus on addressing the needs of those who are re-entering our community after a term of state or federal incarceration. I have valuable re-entry resource information that I would like to share with you. I am hopeful that you will in turn share the information with any of your congregants who may be in need of such information. Indeed, I have already had the opportunity to speak with many ex-offenders as well as family members of ex-offenders in our community, and they have expressed great excitement upon learning of the many programs in our local area that offer support to ex-offenders returning home.

Additionally, I am hopeful that the June 28th meeting will serve as a catalyst for greater collaboration between your respective prison ministries and my office in regard to meeting the practical needs of returning ex-offenders and the mandates of Matthew 25 to help those who are in need. Sadly, thirty percent of prisoners released from prison today will be returned to jail within the first six months of their release. Even more alarming is the fact that sixty-seven percent of those prisoners released from prison today will be re-incarcerated within three years of their release. I need your help in reversing these alarming trends. Together we can equip the ex-offenders in our community to break the cycle of crime, poverty and self degradation. If you 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 June 28th, 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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