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The Honorable Alma Adams  
2436 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: LOS for CCT LifeWorks! Supportive Employment Program

Dear Congresswoman Adams,

At the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), we believe reentry starts the day someone walks through our doors - not the day they leave. That's why I'm proud to support The Center for Community Transitions' (CCT) request for Community Project Funding to keep their LifeWorks! supportive employment program strong.

LifeWorks! gives people the tools and opportunities they need to rebuild their lives through employment. Every year, they help more than 200 people - most coming from neighborhoods that have been overlooked for too long - find real jobs, keep those jobs, and stay out of the justice system for good. Their outcomes are foolproof: 80% land jobs quickly and 75% stay employed at least six months or longer.

At the MCSO, we're committed to reentry programs. Through this type of participation, like LifeWorks!, residents acquire new skills and are linked to various community resources and organizations that prepare them for successful transition into the community. One way we help residents with reentry is through our Post Release Resource Center, which has recently referred released individuals to the LifeWorks! program because we know employment changes lives, families, and entire communities.

When you give a person a second chance and a job, you give them hope and a future. Investing in LifeWorks! is investing in safer neighborhoods, stronger families, and a better Mecklenburg County for all of us. With deep gratitude, I ask for your support to help carry this vital work forward.

Thank you for standing with us and believing that second chances build better communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Garry L. McFadden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Garry" being more prominent and stylized than the last name "McFadden".

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