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Dear Reentry Colleague,

In an effort to draw greater attention to reentry, the U.S. Department of Justice designated April 24-30, 2016, National Reentry Week. At the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, we are committed to our mission *to reduce recidivism among those we touch* and our vision *to reduce crime in Ohio*. We are very aware, however, that our ability to be effective in these pursuits is largely dependent on the dedicated efforts of local service, program and reentry support providers like you. In honor of **National Reentry Week**, please accept this letter as our way of saying thank you for your excellent work. Along with the Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition and the Ohio Association of Local Reentry Coalitions, we recognize the integral part you play in Ohio's role as a national leader in recidivism reduction and reentry initiatives.

We appreciate your willingness to offer support, mentorship, legal access, case management and many other services to those returning to our communities. We applaud your commitment to spend time connecting with men and women from your community while they are inside local prisons and jails. Your willingness to educate local stakeholders on the importance of effective reentry and to advocate for members of the community who might otherwise be marginalized is truly outstanding.

Finally, if we believe that all reentry is local then it is only fitting to take these few moments during **National Reentry Week** to acknowledge the valuable and effective work being done by you and your peers across Ohio.

Sincerely,



Gary C. Mohr, Chairman