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To Whom It May Concern,

We at the Center for Peace, Democracy, and Development are joining with other organizations and individuals to support the "Proposal to Allow Post-Release Contact" (attached). Allowing volunteers and chaplains to work with former inmates in programs that are designed to respect the Department of Corrections' safety concerns would go a long way toward assisting men and women as they return to their communities, thereby reducing recidivism.

Given the Massachusetts Department of Corrections' mission "to promote public safety while providing care and appropriate programming in preparation for successful reentry," this policy change would create the logical next step toward ensuring a positive experience for returning citizens and those who care about them. We urge you to support this proposal to create a working group to examine the issues more closely, in order to develop new policies that reflect wisdom, safety concerns, and re-entry needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren Kew".

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