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I send greetings to those observing Offender Re-Entry Month, sponsored by the Faith-Based Offender Re-Entry Advisory Council, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and local faith-based partners.

America is a land of opportunity, and when the gates of prison open, the path ahead should lead to a better life. Through government and faith-based social services, like those offered by CSOSA and its partners, men and women in need have access to mentoring, job training, housing, and counseling. These efforts enable people transitioning out of prison to find help and hope and to change their lives for the better.

I appreciate the dedication and compassion of District of Columbia officials, the faith-based community, and all those who volunteer to help individuals re-entering society. Your good work makes a difference in your community, one heart, one soul, and one conscience at a time.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Bush".