Speaker 1: Reentry Matters: Voices of Experience. Since 2009, the Bureau of Justice Assistance has invested over $600 million into communities across the country to promote and improve second chances for individuals returning to their communities. With so many lives and communities impacted by the people exiting prisons and jails, quite simply put, reentry matters. You will hear firsthand why reentry matters from people around the country living and working in Second Chance Act grantee communities.

Amanda Burrell: Reentry matters because every individual who has successfully satisfied the terms of their sentence deserve the opportunity to successfully reenter society, having received the proper tools and the targeted resources necessary to help circumvent any potential barriers to a successful reentry. This is their human right, and I believe that it is my, it is our responsibility. Reentry matters.

Amanda Carmody: Reentry matters because everyone deserves to feel supported.

Tiph Jones: Reentry matters because everyone deserves to make a positive impact on their community.

Cam Ward: Reentry matters because it's an investment in second chances and enhancing public safety at the same time.

LaShanda Hails: Reentry matters because it opens the door to unlimited possibilities.

Lawrence Tennil...: And reentry matters to me because it gives me an opportunity to demonstrate the positive change that has happened in my life and inspire others.

Gia Davis: Reentry matters to me because everyone deserves a second chance and a fresh start.

Greg Glass: Reentry matters because I want my reentry chance to be a success and nobody does it on their own.

Avery Owens-Bey: Reentry matters because it affords me the opportunity to have a better relationship with my employer and my community at large.

Doug Koebernick: Reentry matters because as a community need to provide the resources, the support, more importantly, the opportunities for people to move forward in a positive way in their lives.

Nick Crayton: Reentry is important to me because as someone who is trying to reestablish citizenship, it is important that we have a tangible process to proceed forward.

Art Powell: And reentry matters to me because people need support upon that transition back into society so it can increase their chances of success.
Toby Savitz: Reentry matters because life doesn't stop after you make one mistake. Everybody deserves a chance to learn and grow.

Ricky Hamilton: For me, reentry matters because seeing individuals return to the community's whole, healthy, and healed matters.

Dawn Villarreal...: Reentry matters because everyone deserves an opportunity to rebuild their lives.

Mariel Ramirez: We believe in second chances.

Ashley Givens: Reentry matters because thriving in your community is an important step in succeeding.

Erica Lee: Reentry matters because for a returning citizen, having the right supports, the right resources, and the right connections could mean their last return home.

TJ Kingsbury: Reentry matters because it gives people hope, gives them something to look forward to, and the joy that they get when they get to reunite with their family and their loved ones.

Vince King: A reentry matters to me because it provides a second chance to make a different choice.

Casey Bachochin...: Reentry matters because everyone deserves a second chance.

Shereda Finch: Reentry matters. There are many individuals who have made amends and they want to become contributing citizens in their communities and active members in their families once again. Shouldn't we give them a chance?

Speaker 1: Reentry matters because people matter. To learn more about why reentry matters and ways you can improve and advance reentry, as well as promote second chances, please visit the National Reentry Resource Center at nationalreentryresourcecenter.org.

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