

## SAMPLE E-MAIL TO CONGRESS

Dear Sean,

I am writing to request that Rep. McDermott co-sponsor H.R. 1593, "The Second Chance Act of 2007." Rep. McDermott served as co-sponsor of similar legislation during the 109th Congress which nearly passed then, but now must be reconsidered by the 110th Congress. This legislation is designed to reduce offender recidivism, increase public safety, and help communities better address the growing population of prisoners returning to communities across the country. It has already passed out of House Judiciary Committee.

I have attached a useful comparison of the provisions of the House bill with its Senate counterpart (S. 1060). If Rep. McDermott is willing to serve as co-sponsor again---along with 38 colleagues in the House who have already agreed to co-sponsor---I will let representatives of the organizations we are working with on this legislation know and they can make arrangements for his co-sponsorship.

As you may know, Pioneer Human Services is a large nonprofit organization in 48 locations throughout Washington State, with headquarters in Seattle. The Council of State Governments has referred to Pioneer as the largest local offender reentry program in the country ("Report of the Re-Entry Policy Council"). If I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know. I will be in Washington, D.C., the last week of April, if it would help to meet on this matter. Thanks for your consideration.

Larry Fehr