

*Law enforcement officers have very challenging and often dangerous jobs – working to keep communities safe. As law enforcement leaders, current and retired criminal justice professionals - - each of us have an essential obligation – to ensure fairness, eliminate bias, and build community engagement. As such, we have the opportunity on Justice Sunday™ to gather and to renew our commitment to serve while we protect, to plant seeds in the lives of returning citizens and future generations, and to declare our commitment to build bridges, eradicate divides in our communities, and to cherish the positive benefits from our collective outcomes. . . “*

**Mr. Carlyle Holder**  
President, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice

*“ . . . Justice brings about the understanding of what is fair and right as well as the realization that something went wrong . . . “*

**Mr. Ernie Hudson**  
Actor

*“ . . . The United States is now at a critical juncture in recalibrating its criminal justice policies. Differences in views and experiences contribute to an imbalance in the administration of justice that tips the scales from the school house to the jail house and all points in between. It is disturbing to know that a half century after the beginnings of the modern day civil rights movement, there are far more African Americans behind bars today than in 1954 . . . As long as we must use words like racial perceptions of crime, differential arrests, disproportionate minority contact, and other such phrases to define our actions, we fall short of the dream of Dr. King and thousands of others who volunteered in the quest for freedom . . . ”*

**Mr. Marc Mauer**  
Director, The Sentencing Project

People—diverse, passionate and committed— continue to make America strong. Among ways, we thank the many men and women who place their lives on the line, day after day, to protect and to serve and to ensure that law is fair and upheld.

Through national service and volunteering, Americans from all walks of life contribute to their communities and the nation, to include those who serve in prisons and jails or to assist those who seek productive reintegration into families and communities. Today’s challenges are complex and require comprehensive, integrated and innovative approaches to shape solutions that work.

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