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Due Process Institute Encourages Congress to Pass Four Bills in Honor of Second Chance Month

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In honor of Second Chance Month, the Due Process Institute announces its endorsement of the following pieces of bipartisan federal legislation:

- Prison to Proprietorship for Formerly Incarcerated Act (H.R. 5065) – would provide access to entrepreneurship training for those exiting our federal prison system
- Trafficking Survivors Relief Act of 2020 (S. 3240 / H.R. 3627) – would provide expungement of certain convictions for those who were victims of human trafficking
- Shift Back to Society Act of 2019 (H.R. 4253) – would create pilot educational programs for individuals in the reentry process
- Fair Hiring in Banking Act (S. 3441) – would reduce barriers to employment in the banking industry for qualified individuals who previously committed a non-violent crime

“April 2020 has been widely recognized as Second Chance Month. It provides us all with an opportunity to consider how we can help justice-involved community members acquire a true second chance to achieve their full potential in life,” said Shana-Tara O’Toole, President of Due Process Institute. “Congress has an opportunity this coming April to adopt several meaningful reforms that will have a positive impact in the lives of millions of Americans with a criminal record. Now, more than ever, we urge Congress to pass these four bipartisan supported reforms quickly to help those in need move on from the shadow of their past.”

For more information on Second Chance Month partners and activities, visit:
<https://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/justicereform/second-chance-month/>

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