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***Prison to Proprietorship***

From the Block to the Boardroom CEO Tracey D. Syphax stands with Congresswoman Nydia M. Velazquez and Congressman Hakim Jeffries to introduce a new bill **H.R. XX, Prison to Proprietorship Program for Incarcerated Men and Women**. Congresswoman Velazquez is also Chairwoman of the House Small Business Committee. This legislation will direct the Small Business Association to coordinate re-entry entrepreneurship services, which include developing curriculum, training mentors and instructors, and establishing public-private partnerships to support formerly incarcerated men and women while identifying opportunities to access capital.

In 2015 From the Block to the Boardroom LLC. In partnership with Open for Business Ventures launched Reentry Ventures with the shared goal of promoting entrepreneurship thru online networks, tablets and workshops inside and outside of prisons. Tracey Syphax is the CEO of *From The Block to The Board Room LLC*. A published author and dedicated advocate for criminal justice reform initiatives around the 3 E's of Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship.

***“As a formerly impacted person turned entrepreneur, I’ve will always advocated for policies, reforms and initiatives that not only reduce our nations prison population but also reunites families and make our communities safer. I am honored to support Congresswoman Velazquez and Congressman Jeffries H.R. XX, Prison to Proprietorship Program bill because these are the real smart on crime initiatives that generate returns” ~ Tracey Syphax***

Mr. Syphax was named one of the top 25 Most Influential African Americans in the state of New Jersey in 2016 by the South Jersey Journal and has a proven record of guiding startups and supporting new, non-traditional entrepreneurs. Reentry Ventures currently has 346 inmates at the Bureau of Prisons in DC learning the 20 lessons and 40 concepts of entrepreneurship on tablets supplied by our partners at APDS. Now in Trenton, NJ 25 formerly impacted individuals are preparing to graduate from our entrepreneurial workshop on December 7, 2019, at Mercer County Community College. The course is sponsored by Wells Fargo and the NJ African American Chamber of Commerce because collectively these two organizations value the benefits of creating revenue generating opportunities for formerly impacted individuals. Reentry Ventures entrepreneur workshops role models a smart on

crime initiative, saves taxpayers money by reducing public charges post incarceration and also contributes to developing safer, economically viable communities for everyone living and visiting in its borders.

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