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## David J. Stillwagon Chief Executive Officer

Senator Nathan Manning Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee Senate Building 1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

Support for S.B. 288

Dear Chairman Manning,

I hope this letter finds you well. Please accept this written correspondence as formal support for Senate Bill 288. Community Corrections Association, Inc. (CCA) has a long history of serving men and women transitioning from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC) through the Transitional Control (TC) program

The TC program is the most successful program administered by ODRC to safely and effectively transition individuals to a licensed halfway house. CCA engages TC placements in evidence-based programming which aims to change their criminal thinking ultimately reducing the recidivism rate. In addition, TC placements receive substance abuse treatment, educational and vocational planning necessary to successfully assist their re-entry. Participants work with our professional staff to build the necessary skills to obtain and retain employment. While in the program TC placements pay taxes, restitution, child support and start to save and plan for their future.

CCA's halfway houses have existing capacity to serve Transitional Control placement at no additional cost to the state. We hope that the committee will support the passage of Senate Bill 288 and am happy to discuss with you any questions that may arise.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

David J. Stillwagon Chief Executive Officer

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