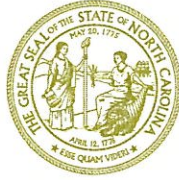


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Dear Reentry Partners:

I am grateful that you have chosen to attend the 2019 North Carolina Reentry Summit. Community and faith-based organizations play an important role in helping people in our state who have been involved with the criminal justice system. I hope that each of you will learn something new that will help you to improve reentry in your communities across the state.

I've worked in and around North Carolina's criminal justice system for years, as a lawyer, a former lawmaker, a former attorney general and now as Governor. I believe we need to do more to help formerly incarcerated people lead productive lives. That's good for them and their families, our state's work force and our public safety. Justice must be more than just incarceration – it must be about restoration.

My vision for North Carolina is simple: I want North Carolinians to be healthier, better educated and more prosperous so that everyone has the chance to live a more abundant, purposeful life. The work that community and faith-based organizations do to help formerly incarcerated individuals gets us closer to reaching that goal.

Thank you for your commitment to this cause. I encourage you to take what you learn today and use it to do what you can – whether it be building partnerships, becoming a better mentor, or developing community programs – to improve reentry in communities across our great state.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper