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Dear Friends:

I send warm greetings and extend my sincere appreciation to America's dedicated Probation, Parole and Community Corrections Officers.

Parole and probation officers serve on the front lines of the criminal justice system. Their primary duties include the monitoring and supervision of released prisoners. They labor tirelessly, often in the shadows of law enforcement and the courts, yet their role is among the most essential to ensuring the public's safety. Because of their hard work and dedication, communities across our great nation are safer and more secure.

America owes its parole and probation officers a great debt of gratitude. These devoted public servants keep not only law-abiding citizens safe, but also offer released offenders support and hope through counseling and advocacy. They have helped hundreds of thousands of former prisoners successfully return to their communities as productive members. In so doing, they epitomize both the justice and mercy of our great nation's legal system.

I commend you for your devotion to justice, and for the compassion you show towards those you serve, and I extend best wishes to you during Probation, Parole and Community Officers' Week.

Sincerely,

Alberto R. Gonzales
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