



Join the NC Second Chance Alliance at

2019 SECOND CHANCE LOBBY DAY

Tuesday, May 7

9:30 AM – 3 PM

**Halifax Mall behind the NC
Legislative Building**

16 W. Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27603



The NC Second Chance Alliance is a statewide alliance of people with criminal records, their family members, service providers, congregations, community leaders and concerned citizens that have come together to address the causes of criminal records and the barriers they create to successful reentry.

We Support

- Reinvestment of JRA savings in local reentry services
- Clean Slate relief/Access to expunctions
- Elimination of unnecessary barriers to occupational licenses for individuals with criminal records
- End indefinite suspension of drivers' licenses for failure to pay traffic fines
- Increased access to education, treatment, and other reentry-focused programs in jails and prisons
- "Fair Chance" hiring for public employment
- Fair sentencing reforms



For more details or to RSVP, please contact Miewalker at mwalker@forwardjustice.org or Alex Williams at awilliams@forwardjustice.org Please visit the NC Second Chance Alliance's website at ncsecondchance.org.



Communicating Effectively With Your Legislator

- 1) **Don't be intimidated.** Legislators are in the business of representing the public's interest. A significant part of their job is listening to people like you.
- 2) **Ask to speak briefly with the legislator.** If the legislator is not in his or her office, ask for their contact information and leave the Second Chance Alliance Action Request with the secretary.
- 3) **Address the legislators as "Representative ____" or "Senator ____."**
- 4) **Introduce yourself clearly.** Tell the legislator your name, where you are from, and why you are there. If you are a member of their district, it is especially important for you to let them know.
- 5) **Share your reentry story and/or support for second chances.** This is the most important thing you can do on Second Chance Lobby Day. In just 2 or 3 minutes, describe the barriers that you have faced as a result of your criminal record, why the legislator should try to address these barriers, and how you would use (or have used) your second chance. If you do not have a criminal record, please describe why you support lowering barriers to reentry.
- 6) **Be specific.** Suggest actions the legislator might take, including specific bills he or she should support. Use the Second Chance Alliance Action Request as a guide.
- 7) **Listen, and always be respectful.** Listen to what the legislator has to say, even if you do not agree with what they are saying. You can state facts or personal stories to support your opinion, but try to avoid arguing with the legislator.
- 8) **Share Action Request.** Be sure to leave the legislator with a copy of the Second Chance Alliance Action Request.