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District Court Honors Graduates of Second C.H.A.N.C.E. Re-entry Program

Chicago, III. – On January 31, 2019, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois honored four graduates of the James B. Moran Second C.H.A.N.C.E. (Court Help and Assistance Network for Community Entry) Re-entry Program. U.S. Congressman Danny Davis delivered the keynote address.

"I am so proud of this class of Second C.H.A.N.C.E. graduates and the great strides they have made toward living productive and law-biding lives. Our graduates' progress in achieving sobriety and meaningful employment serves not only the graduates and their families, but also our entire community," said Chief Judge Rubén Castillo, member of the Second C.H.A.N.C.E. team.

The James B. Moran Second C.H.A.N.C.E. program, named after the late U.S. District Judge James B. Moran, is designed to help former inmates reintegrate into the community and live law-abiding lives after they are released from prison. The Second C.H.A.N.C.E. program offers individuals on federal supervision a program of intensive supervision and frequent meetings with a team of judges, probation officers, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, Federal Defenders, treatment providers and Marshals. Individuals who successfully complete the Second C.H.A.N.C.E. Program are rewarded with a reduction of federal supervision.

Congressman Danny Davis, one of the sponsors of the bipartisan Second Chance Act of 2007, is an outspoken supporter of initiatives aimed at reducing recidivism.

This was the seventh Second C.H.A.N.C.E. graduation since the program's inception in 2010. Chief Judge Rubén Castillo, District Judge Sara L. Ellis Magistrate Judge Susan E. Cox, Magistrate Judge Sidney I. Schenkier serve as the judges for the Second C.H.A.N.C.E. Program.

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