



UNCHAINED URGES YOU TO PASS THE UNEMPLOYMENT BRIDGE PROGRAM!

"Financially, the Unemployment Bridge Program would be a really big boost for people in re-entry as well as their family members. A lot of people when they come out don't have any money. And a lot of family members are living from paycheck to paycheck. Whether they're working or retired, their budget's tight. If people being released from prison have their own personal money coming in, they won't feel as ashamed or worry about burning bridges by constantly asking for a hand-out or some extra money to get them going. This would be a definite plus for their mindset because now they ain't gotta worry about how to get things." - Rubin, Unchained Member



I worked at the mess hall at every facility I was in, I was the head of the mess hall. I did five years my first sentence and four years my second sentence. **I probably wouldn't have even went back the second time if I was given a chance and had more help when I was released.** When you're released, they give you \$40 and send you wherever they want to send you. I had an address and they still made me go to a homeless shelter. No one wants to do that after being in jail all that time. So if I had \$1200 a month coming in, it would have been easier to find an apartment, to find clothing, not relying so much on family members. Some people don't have family." - Jedidiah, Unchained Member

"If somebody was to come home with \$1,200, I think that would give them enough breathing room so that they shouldn't have any criminal intent and that it's not what they're looking to return to once they get back into society. \$1,200 for somebody coming home is enough for them to get cosmetics and some clothes that they need to just survive and be respected." - Marques, Unchained Member



"The Unemployment Bridge Program is a humane and just way to welcome formerly incarcerated people back home, recognize their labor and contribution to society while on the inside, and will help restore a sense of dignity and empowerment as they work to rebuild their lives."

Jirah, Unchained Member