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Re-Entry Roundtable Financial Resilience Discussion: Addressing Barriers in Financial Services for Justice-Impacted Communities

Agenda

***All times ET ***

- 11:00 - 11:02 AM** **Opening Comments and Introduction by Jessica Mejía, Senior Advisor Community Engagement**
- 11:02 - 11:07 AM** **Welcome by Janis Bowdler, Counselor for Racial Equity**
- 11:07 - 11:12 AM** **Remarks by Graham Steele, Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions**
- 11:12 - 11:30 AM** **Principal and Agency Opening Comments (2-3 minutes)**
- 11:30 - 12:05 PM** **Panel: Voices of Justice-Impacted Individuals on Accessing Financial Services**

Justice impacted experts shares their personal experience and challenges in access banking services during re-entry.

Speakers:

- **Moderated by Bakari Sellers**, CNN Political Analyst and Former South Carolina State Representative
- Dr. Carmen Johnson, Founder, Help Ourselves
- Sekwan Merritt, Founder, Lightning Electric
- Rita Gray, Founder, Life After Release,
- Bridgette Simpson, Co-Founder and Co-Director, Barred Business
- Larry Turnley, Co-Chair Criminal Justice Task Force Nashville Organize for Action and Hope, and Reentry Coordinator for Gideon's Army
- Andrea James, Founder and Executive Director, National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls
- Dawn Harrington, Founder and Executive Director, Free Hearts

- 12:05 - 12:35 PM** **Q&A: Understanding the Impact by Moderator and Chair**
- Moderator and Chair leads a discussion with the roundtable participants through a series of questions on how these barriers impact overall reintegration.
- 1:00 - 1:30 PM** **Lunch Break & Transition**



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1:30 - 2:00 PM

Panel: Navigating the Crossroads of Justice, Policy and Banking Access

Experts discuss key findings from research, relevant policies, and regulatory perspectives on the barriers justice-impacted individuals face.

Speakers:

- Chastity Murphy (Moderator)
- Lettisha Boyd, Principal Consultant, Beyond Savvy Consumers
- Dr. Annie Harper, Assistant Professor, Yale University
- Terrell Blount, Executive Director, Network Formerly Incarcerated College Graduate Network City
- David Rothstein, Senior Principal, Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, BankOn
- Jeff Klein, Principal, Structural Solutions
- Carla Sanchez, Senior Attorney, National Consumer Law Center

2:00 - 2:05 PM

Financial Inclusion Strategy, Suzanna Fritzberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Consumer Policy

To underscore the importance of this discussion for Treasury's Financial Inclusion Strategy.

2:10 - 3:30 PM

Roundtable Discussion: Promoting Inclusion and Solutions for Justice Impacted Individuals

Regulators, financial institutions, and community orgs will delve into the legal and regulatory challenges and potential changes needed to ensure equal access to banking services. Additionally, organizations will discuss on collaborative efforts between regulators, to address these barriers.

3:30 - 4:00 PM

Closing Remarks and Final Thoughts

By: Bakari Sellers, Principal regulators (2-3 minutes max), Janis Bowdler, Counselor for Racial Equity and Graham Steele, Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions

4:00 PM

Adjournment