

# Speaker Ryan: Statement on criminal justice reform

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**WASHINGTON—Following President Donald Trump’s announcement on the *FIRST STEP Act*, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) issued this statement:**

*“Redemption is at the heart of the American Idea, and that’s what this is about. Creating a smoother path for those who have been incarcerated to successfully reenter and contribute to society is a worthwhile goal and one we have long been working toward. The president’s announcement is an encouraging sign that we can achieve substantive reforms to our criminal justice system in this Congress.”*