

# Speaker Ryan: Welcomes progress on criminal justice reform legislation

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**WASHINGTON**—Following Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's (R-KY) announcement that the Senate will consider the *FIRST STEP* Act during the 115th Congress, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) released this statement:

*"This is very welcome news. As the House has already demonstrated, we are committed to making substantive reforms to our criminal justice system. Years of work here and around the country have gotten us to this point. This is about redemption, and giving many Americans another chance to achieve a more fulfilling future. I encourage the Senate to act swiftly on this legislation, and the House stands ready to get it done."*