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The Honorable Tom Cotton  
United States Senate  
124 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Senator Cotton:

We are writing on behalf of the American Correctional Association and our thousands of members from across the country to express our support for your proposed bill addressing the use of contraband cell phones in state and federal correctional facilities. The ***Cellphone Jamming Reform Act of 2019*** will help provide the corrections profession with a vital tool in its fight against contraband cell phones in correctional facilities.

We thank you for acknowledging the problem and for recognizing that cell phones in prisons and jails pose a serious threat to other inmates, to staff and to the public. Inmates have used contraband cell phones to perpetuate criminal activities, to maintain control of criminal organizations, threaten witnesses and law enforcement and more.

Despite the concerted efforts being made by correctional staff and leaders, cell phones continue to find their way inside of facilities. Every year thousands and thousands of phones are confiscated from inmates by state departments of corrections and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. It is thus more and more critical for us to deploy as many strategies and tools as are available to us and for us to find new tools and technologies to help us in the fight to maintain safe and secure facilities

The American Correctional Association has always supported the use of jamming as a means for combatting contraband cell phone use and we believe that it can be deployed safely and effectively for this purpose. We fully support and endorse your bill, the ***Cellphone Jamming Reform Act of 2109*** and look forward to working with you to help get it passed.

Gary C. Mohr  
President

Sincerely,

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Executive Director