FRRC, FRACEEV to Hold Press Conference to Outline Prison/ Jail Mask Distribution Plan

Orlando, FL (April 29, 2020) - Tomorrow at 10 a.m., leaders from the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRC) and the Florida Coalition of Hispanic Evangelical Councils (FRACEEV) will hold a press conference at FRRC Headquarters, located at 4081 LB McLeod Road, Suite C, Orlando, FL, to outline the organization’s plan to distribute thousands of protective masks to prisons, jails and other vulnerable populations across the state of Florida to combat the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

COVID-19 has been spreading rapidly throughout Florida’s prisons and jails in recent weeks causing widespread sickness and even death. As of April 29, the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) reported that a total 202 inmates and 143 staff members have tested positive for the deadly disease. In addition to the hundreds of confirmed cases in Florida’s prison system, another inmate in Florida’s Blackwater River Correctional Facility has died, bringing the total number of attributed fatalities to five within a short period of time.

“FRRC realizes the need for immediate action to help those who are most at risk,” said Desmond Meade, FRRC Executive Director. “We’re working around the clock to help save lives.”

“The Bible tells us to remember those in prison as if we were together with them in prison,” said Dr. Angel Marcial, a Bishop of Church of God and Executive Board Member of FRACEEV. “It is in times of crisis like this when we are most tested to follow God’s call.”

In response to the growing need for more healthcare supplies, specifically protective masks, FRRC and FRACEEV are leading with love and donating essential equipment to those who need it most. These organizations are committed to putting people over politics and supporting vulnerable communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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FRRC is a grassroots, membership organization run by Returning Citizens (Formerly Convicted Persons) who are dedicated to ending the disenfranchisement and discrimination against people with convictions and creating a more comprehensive and humane reentry system that will enhance successful reentry, reduce recidivism, and increase public safety.