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#### AL LAWSON RECEIVES ENDORSEMENT FROM NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

Largest organization representing federal, state and local correctional officers support Lawson

TALLAHASSEE – Today, Corrections U.S.A. (CUSA) announced its endorsement of Al Lawson for Florida's 2nd Congressional District. CUSA, the largest national organization of correctional officers representing 80,000 members throughout the country, is Lawson's first major endorsement in his run for Congress.

"I am honored to have received the endorsement of the correctional officers in this district," said Lawson. "There are a lot of correctional officers in North Florida that work hard every day to keep our communities safe. I appreciate their confidence in me, and I will do everything possible to represent them well in the United States Congress."

Al Lawson has served in the Florida Legislature and during his time has been a strong supporter of law enforcement and correctional officers. Most recently, Lawson fought to prevent the closure of the Apalachee Correctional Institute in Sneads, Florida.

"Florida's correctional officers have no better friend in the Florida Legislature than Senator Al Lawson," said national vice chair Roy Pinto.

"For years, Al Lawson has stood with correctional officers and their families, and in this race for Congress, we are proud to stand with Al," said James Baiardi, national chair of CUSA.

Al Lawson faces 14-year Congressman Allen Boyd in the Democratic primary election for Florida's 2nd Congressional District. The primary election will be held August 24th and the general election is November 2nd.

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