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My name is Ashley K. Ortiz, 18-year Navy veteran currently stationed in San Diego and older brother of Akov Ortiz. He is currently serving a 47-year prison term. Regardless of his innocence or guilt I support House Bill 6581. I've seen him only once in 20 years, but as heartwarming and heartbreaking as it was, that visit showed me the man he could have been had he been given the right direction and accepted the opportunities offered to him. I believe time spent has given him the maturity he much needed so long ago and the reflection of actions past - the motivation to lead a just and proper life. I can only hope that the state shows him kindness and grants him early release, so our family can move forward.

Very Respectfully,

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