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Dear, Hon. David M. Borden, chair

I am writing this letter in regards to the juvenile sentencing commissions public hearing of November 8, 2013.

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to express myself, and also for everything you are doing for individuals serving these lengthy terms of imprisonment for crimes committed when they were under the age of 18.

I entered into the systematic at a tender age of 15 yrs. old, not knowing what would be the outcome of my life, whether I would remain the same individual who entered with a state of mind of abandonment recklessness, or a state of being a responsible person who will be positive with his goals and life. Now at the age of 19 yrs. old, I know I am still young but I have come to grasp to understanding the meaning of maturity.

As I mentally matured, it has come to thought for me that I have hurten somebody and his/her family. Also, I understand that I have hurt my family as well because they lost me in regards to my recklessness, and because of that recklessness, I am now serving 15 years of my life in a Connecticut Adult Prison (C.A.P)

I have always in my heart felt sincere remorse about the

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fact that a man almost lost his life, and his family wouldn't be able to see him or share in his life ever again because of a senseless act of violence I have committed.

For the 3½ years that I have been incarcerated I have set myself apart from the people I feel I was once like. I also have found the understanding of being a leader and not a follower like I once was.

I try to think positive with most things that come my way, I feel that if I only think negative about people and things it would just lead to failure in my life.

In addition, during the time that I have been incarcerated, I have taken the time to improve by applying myself with the proper adequate education such as, General Education Development, (G.E.D.) classes and vocational Education training that I may use one day when I re-enter back into society. I have learned from my time being in prison that life is worth-while, especially when it has been taken away from me.

Now I make positive decisions and choices in my life, for not only myself but my family and people around my environment.

I would really in the near future like to be a good role model for not only the youths but anybody, I would like to give proper understanding

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to how I came about my life, from being negative to positive and an immature, follower who didn't care about anything to an individual that has matured and accomplished his goals in life.

Last but not least, I would once again like to thank you for letting me express myself, and for everything you're doing for individuals serving lengthy sentences when they committed their crime under the age of 18 yrs old.

Sincerely, Inmate, Carlos Figueroa
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