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ON NOVEMBER 15TH OF 2013 I WAS informed that I may be affected by a proposal from THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION. I'm currently serving a consecutive sentence, one of which the charges are stemming from 1997. I was 16 years of age at that time. I originally had a ten year suspended after four years with 6 years probation. I was held the whole four years and was placed on the probation in 2001. IN 2002 I violated the probation. IN 2003 I WAS sentenced to this consecutive sentence without totals 14 years.

I WAS glad to hear that the sentence guidelines for kids who are being sentenced as an adult are changing, or rather being looked at I believe if mine was, I wouldn't be in the situation I'm in now. Not saying I shouldn't of been held accountable for my actions, because I should have been, what I'm saying is. I should have

Had a better chance at rehabilitation
I honestly believe my original
sentence made me difficult to say
the least. I went home worse than
I came in. I truly believe, if
I was sentenced under the guidelines
that are being considered now, I
would have had a better chance.
I can say that I'm in a better
place now. I have a strong family
support system, and the ways that
I used to indulge in, is nonexistent
I just hope that these guidelines
help me now. If they don't, I'll
still be glad for the next generation
that will be in the situation I'm in
now. I would like to thank the
Connecticut Sentencing Commission for
giving me a chance to give this
written testimony and also shedding
light on the situation at hand.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely yours
Donald Palmer