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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jessica Pratt, my husband; Robert Pratt (inmate number 215508) was arrested in 1992, when he was 16 for murder. In 1994 he was sentenced to 40 years in prison. In *Miller v. Alabama*, the U. S. Supreme Court held that the Eighth Amendment prohibits courts from automatically imposing life without parole sentences on offenders who committed homicides while they were juveniles. The Court stated that there must be “some meaningful opportunity” for release based on a defendant's demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation. My husband was a young child at the time of his crime and couldn't fully understand the consequences of his actions. For the past 21 years my husband has done nothing but regret his choices. He is not the young ignorant child he was in 1992; he is a remorseful man who wants nothing more than to prove he can be an upstanding citizen. I am writing to you today to request that you give that chance to my husband and any inmate that was convicted as a juvenile but sentenced as an adult. I know what he did was horrible and he can never change what he has done, but he has grown and changed. He deserves a chance to come home and start over.

Thank you for your time.

Jessica Pratt