

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

11-15-13

AS I'M SITTING IN PRISON I CAME ALONG A DOCUMENT IN WHICH THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION PRINTED OUT AND WAS GIVING TO ME THRU OUR DOC COUNSEL SUPERVISOR MS. DAVIS.. I FEEL WHAT THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION IS TRYING TO DO IS A GOOD + POSITIVE INTENTION ON WORKING WITH ADOLESCENCE WHOSE MIND WAS NOT FULLY DEVELOPED AT THEIR TIME OF THEIR CRIMES + HAVING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON WHY THESE CRUEL INTENTIONS HAPPEN.. AS WE CAN SEE FROM THIS PACKET I'VE READ PSYCHOLOGY + SOCIOLOGY WAS A BIG ISSUE FOR ME, AS WE KNOW A TEENAGER'S BRAIN IS NOT FULLY DEVELOPED, UNTIL THE AGE OF 21 IN WHICH I COMMITTED MY CRIME AND BEEN INCARCERATED ALMOST 14 YRS, SINCE MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> 2000 AND I AM NOW 35 YRS OLD..

AT THE AGES OF 12-21 I WAS SURROUNDED BY A DE-GENERATIVE CLIMATE IN WHICH WIN-LOST ATTITUDES SURVIVES AND SELF-CONCEPTS WERE NOT MEANT TO BE VULNERABLE AND BECAUSE OF THAT SITUATIONS WERE WORST FOR ME.. I AM A EXAMPLE OF WHAT THIS PACKET IS REVIEWING AND WILL LIKE FOR THIS BILL TO PASS.. ALOT OF ADOLESCENCE ARE NOT CONCIOS OF RIGHT & WRONG IN THEIR SURROUNDINGS, BEING AROUND PEER PRESSURE, ANTI-SOCIAL FRIENDS AND INFESTATIONS OF DRUG CONDITIONS ARE WHAT WE GO THRU IN SOCIETY.. THE MAIN ISSUE IS SELF-RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIPS IN WHICH 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY JUDGEMENT MUST INTERFERE BUT NEVER TO BECAUSE MENTORS OR THE MOLDING OF VIRTUES WERE NOT AROUND

WHEN I WAS A CHILD.. I FEEL THAT GIVEN US A CHANCE IS A GOOD THING BECAUSE OUR WAY OF THINKING + COMMUNICATING WITH OTHERS HAS MUTUALLY ACCOMMODATE FOR RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIPS AND INTERACTIONS.. NOT ONLY DO WE BECOME OLDER + WISER BUT MORE APPRECIATIVE OF OTHERS AND HOW OUR READINESS TO RESPOND AFFECTS OUR EVERYDAY LIVING.. IN COMPROMISING WITH THESE ISSUES I MUST ADMIT THAT MY LIFE HAS CHANGED AND IM FULLY AWARE THAT MY LIFE WAS + STILL IS 10% WHAT HAPPENS TO ME AND 90% HOW I REACT TO IT IN A POSITIVE WAY..

I HOPE THAT A POSITIVE CONCLUSION CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE TABLE AND THAT THIS ISSUE WILL BE HANDLED + NEGOTIATED IN A COLLABORATING STYLE OF CONFLICT

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