


William H. May Lorenz, My Testimonial

Hello, my name is Brian Mauro and I would like to tell you a little about myself. I was born and raised in Oregon. I lived a pretty good life and started working when I was old enough at age 14. I always tried to do the right thing. In 1989 I married the love of my life, had three children, and was with my wife for twenty five years. I worked hard, provided for my family, payed my taxes, and stayed out of trouble. I was living the American dream. But sometimes bad thoughts make you do things you regret. These thoughts took me off the path I was on, which caused me to do something shameful. For this I am truly sorry. I could try to explain, but the bottom line is no matter what the excuse may be I realize there is no excuse. I hurt the people I love the most. For this I payed a high price, the loss of my freedom which led to me losing my marriage, family, and friends. I know I'm the cause for the pain we all feel. I've had alot of time to think. The time I've spent incarcerated has filled me with emotions. I pray everyday which led me to the Bible for guidance. I found peace that if God can forgive me, then I can forgive myself. This doesn't mean I will ever forget, but it will help me to remember so I don't ever make the same mistakes again. I pray someday the victim and my family can forgive me, not for me but for themselves. No one should have to carry that kind of burden all there lives.

Forgiveness helps the soul and allows peace back
 in there life. So why was it important to
 tell you this? My hope is that whenever
 reads this will maybe see that I'm not
 so horrible. I'm just a person that made
 a mistake and took responsibility for it, and
 is asking for a second chance. Why do I
 feel this way? Well, I'm a first time
 offender at E.O.I. who has been incarcerated
 since 2013 and set to be released into
 society in 2028. Before my arrest and conviction
 I had never been in trouble. That's why I
 wrote 29 Senators asking to consider
 Bill SB 91 which gives a Sentence Reduction
 for AICs for good behavior that were charged
 with measure 11 crimes, something non measure 11
 AICs currently receive. Those letters weren't
 as personal as this letter, but I felt
 whatever parties involved in the upcoming
 hearing on April 5th 2021 I felt I needed to
 tell my story. While at E.O.I. I have worked
 to better myself, working at a job that will
 provide additional skills upon my release. I
 stay clear of trouble which is difficult in
 here to do, but I do. I continue to pray
 and have faith and hope that if Bill SB 91
 passes I can see my family sooner rather
 than later so I can make amends for
 what I had done. I know one person
 isn't necessarily going to change your minds,
 but I had to try.

There are several AIG's in here with similar stories. This isn't just about me so I would like to pray for all parties involved. So in conclusion I'm not asking you to just release AIG's, I'm asking you to bring back good time (Sentence Reduction), something that existed through DOC predating 1994 in the state of Oregon. When all AIG's were eligible for good time by exhibiting good behavior to receive as an incentive. A second chance not to forget but to forgive and have compassion. All words in the Bible. All this is what Bill SB191 means to me and many others. I thank you all for your time and consideration of Bill SB191.

Sincerely,

 Brian Mauro