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Dear Senate Committee,

I was asked to write to you with reasons of importance for the retroactive factor within SB191. Obviously the state is in a budget crisis and taking money out of more important accounts like education just to warehouse us. Also there's a lot of first time offenders like myself that should have never been sentenced under MII guidelines. If I'm not mistaken the MII reform for juvenile offenders was retroactive. It would only be fair to carry that over for adults.

Right now my mom is worried about not being around to see me get out and spend time with me. At 20% I'd be out by Jan 2023 instead of Oct. 2027 as long as it's retroactive. My ACRS shows me at a 2% chance for reoffense. I'm just wasting space for the real criminals and will make it harder for me on release if I'm over 40 when I get out. I came in at 21 years old with no criminal history and diagnosed with a mental disorder that qualifies me for SSD. I was thrown in a cage and forgotten about. I'm from Brookings and instead

of housing me at OSI which would have been closer for my family to visit they sent me to the opposite corner of the state. My mom + sis have only been able to visit me once in 16 years because of it. It would be nice to get out sooner, then it wouldn't be an issue anymore.

Anyway, I'm sure there's a flood of mail to get to. I hope you all have easy going productive meetings.

Sincerely

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