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On Behalf Of: Gary J Smith
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Re: SB 320

I am writing this email to let you know that Gary Joe Smith, 05697247, needs to come home.

I was married to this man for 17 years. In that 17 years, he held down a full time job and took care of his family. It wasn't until we divorced that things took a turn for the worse. He had a girlfriend who kept wanting and wanting more money. He couldn't keep up with her wants and decided to rob a bank and convenience stores. It wasn't right by all means, but he just wanted out of the situation he was in.

Gary has told me over and over it was a stupid and foolish thing he did and he regrets doing it. Believe me, Gary has learned his lesson~ He has been incarcerated for almost 23 years. He has a job and hasn't been in any trouble. If anyone deserves to get time off his sentence for good behavior, it is Gary.

Gary and I have one child together and he also has 3 grandchildren who don't know him, our oldest grandchild is now 18 years old. Gary has missed out on so much. Because of the phone situation and his family not being able to set it up, I am the only one in the family who talks to him. His father has had a series of strokes and Gary has heard nothing. I can only imagine how hard that must be for him.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this and I hope it helps reduce his sentence.

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