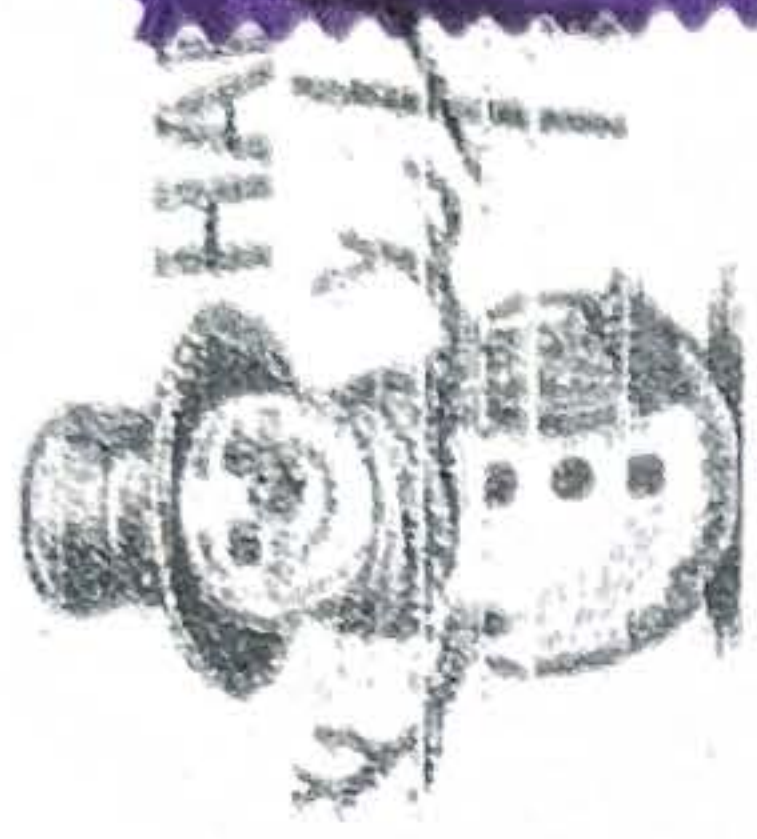


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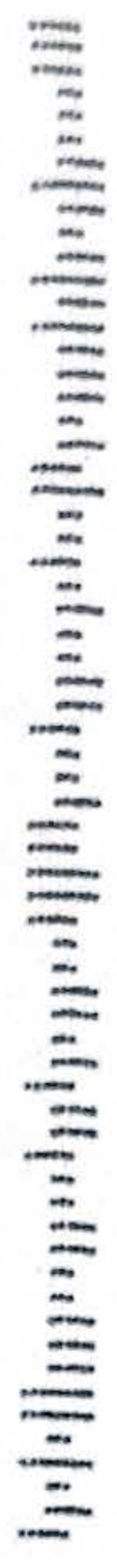
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To: Senator Chairperson Dawn Ever
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To: Representative Chairperson Robert E. Craven, Sr.
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Dear Honorable Speaker, Chairperson Ever and Chairman Craven, My name is Frank Sanchez-Collins and I'm writing in strong support of the Senate Bill and House Bill on the Second Look ACT. Which provides incarcerated individuals to petition the sentencing court to consider a Motion to Reduce Sentence after the defendant has served at least ten (10) years of the sentence and would provide the superior court with jurisdiction to address Motion to Modify sentences under § 8-2-17.

I'm currently serving LWOP sentence which I got as a 19 year old. 23 years plus later I've grown as person who sees life much differently than my 19 year old self. I understand what

It means now to become a responsible adult. My world view has grown, I've learned how to see life thru a greater lens. I believe in my potential, I've got goals and dreams now. When I was 19, I was lost, no direction and didn't recognize my potential. I've learned a lot about myself in the years I've spent in prison. What struck hard was understanding all of the wasted potential within these walls. I've worked on myself thru the programs I was able to take, the hundreds of books I've read and getting into a supportive community with other incarcerated individuals who aim to better themselves despite their own hard circumstances.

Thru the Second Look Act, I may have a chance to actually utilize the knowledge I have and share it with other at risk youth. That is my mission, that is my passion. The youth in my community are constantly being fed the same lies I was told. Every year there is a steady stream of new youthful offenders that I meet who was brought up on the same lies, they sound as I once did at their age.

I'd love a positive change for myself, but if I can help someone else achieve that change without having to come to prison then I'm one step closer to changing my community for

the better. I understand the importance of being a responsible adult, an adult who works and pays taxes and exercises their right to participate to vote. Last time I was free it never occurred to me to register to vote, now that I want to vote I can't and due to a criminal conviction may never be able to. I pray the Second Look Act is passed, so that individuals such as myself will hopefully get an opportunity to pay good deeds forward.

In my experience most people after 10 years in prison make the mental & emotional changes to grow into better people. That probably happens because everyone I can think of came to prison so young that after 10 years we all just naturally grew up.

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FREE PHONE CALLS

Free Phone calls would help me and my family tremendously. Having to pay for calls limits who I keep in contact with. My kids are trying to figure how to take care of themselves which leaves them no funds to help with the phone cost. My family has paid thousands of dollars on the phone during my 23 year plus incarceration.

I try to maintain relationships with family and friends but I just can't afford to stay in touch as much as I'd like and before I realize it months to years done went by. Most people I know who are incarcerated with me also don't have the funds to keep in touch with loved ones. Most people incarcerated come from families with low incomes. The cost of living in prison has skyrocketed over the years as well. Between hygiene and commissary, and emails/phone calls an incarcerated person has no chance to do it all. People will purchase hygiene over making phone calls.

If the phone calls were free that would help 99% of incarcerated people.

Thank You for your time.

Frank Sanchez-Collins

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