

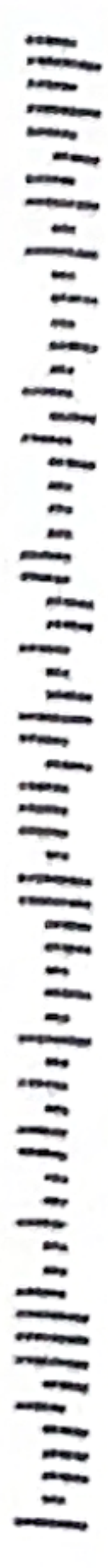
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SUPPORT LETTER

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IN RE: FREE COMMUNICATION,
AND SECOND LOOK ACT.

SALUTATIONS,

MY NAME IS TONY GONZALEZ, AN INMATE AT
THE A.C.I., MAXIMUM SECURITY BUILDING. I HAVE BEEN Pg 1

INCARCERATED SINCE JANUARY OF 2012, AND WOULD ESTIMATE THAT I'VE SPENT SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ON PHONE CALLS. OF THIS ESTIMATE, I WOULD SAY THAT 90-95% OF THIS EXPENSE HAD REALLY BEEN PAID BY MY MOTHER. MY MOTHER IS 68 YEARS OLD AND IS ON A VERY LIMITED INCOME, DERIVING FROM S.S.D.I.

SHE PLACES FUNDS ON HER "PHONE ACCOUNT" IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CALLS FROM ME. SHE ALSO PROVIDES ME FUNDS MONTHLY, IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN AND MAINTAIN MYSELF IN HERE. A PORTION OF THOSE FUNDS SHE SENDS ME, GOES TO MY PHONE DEBT ACCOUNT AND THIS IS WHAT KEEPS ME CONNECTED TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD. I HAVE TO SAY THAT THE CALL OF THE DAY (EVERYDAY), IS SOMETHING MY MOTHER LOOKS FORWARD TO. I'M THE YOUNGEST OF MY SIBLING, THE BABY, SO TO SPEAK, SO THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE CALLS ARE VERY DEAR.

I'M WRITING IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO PASS A BILL, THAT'LL VANQUISH THIS FINANCIAL BURDEN, AND ALLOW COMMUNICATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT A FEE. ABSOLUTE ZERO. IT'S NOT JUST THE FACT THAT OTHER STATES HAVE IMPLEMENTED FREE CALLS BEING MY POINT, BUT THE NOTION OF PRISON PROFITEERING BEING IMMORAL AND UNJUST.

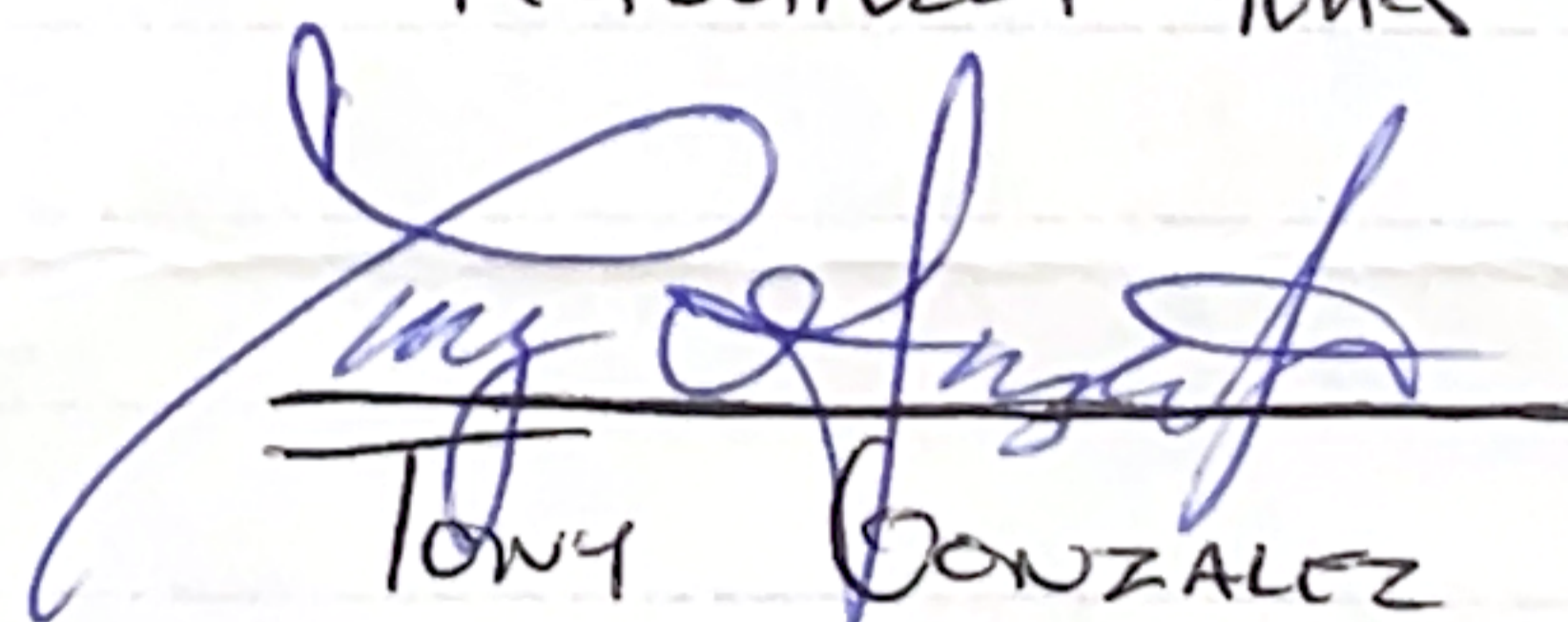
SECOND LOOK ACT

I BELIEVE THE SECOND LOOK ACT BILL SHOULD BE

LOOKED AT FROM A PERSPECTIVE OF SINCERE REHABILITATION.
THIS POSITION IS RECIPROCAL BECAUSE IT SHOWS THE
CITIZENS OF THIS STATE, THAT OUR JURISPRUDENCE IS REFORMING
FOR THE BETTER. IT'S CONDUCTIVE TO OUR STATE MOTTO OF
HOPE, WHERE AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL CAN HAVE A
POSITIVE OUTLOOK DURING THEIR TIME SPENT IN THE
ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE. I HAVE REVIEWED THE ACTUAL
BILL IN THE BEGINNING OF 2024, AND NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH
IT IS A "GOOD IDEA", IT IS NOT NECESSARILY A GUARANTEE
THAT A PETITIONER WILL BE GRANTED RELIEF BY IT.

I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BILL, HAVE
PUT TOGETHER VALUED POINTS IN BENEFIT OF THE STATE
(RE-INVESTMENT OF STATE FUNDS "BE(FUG) DESIGNATED TO
FUND PRISON BASED AND COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS
DESIGNED TO COUNTER RECIDIVISM..."), AND WOULD
CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER RHODE ISLAND.

- RESPECTFULLY YOURS


TONY GONZALEZ 12/5/24

CC: FILE

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