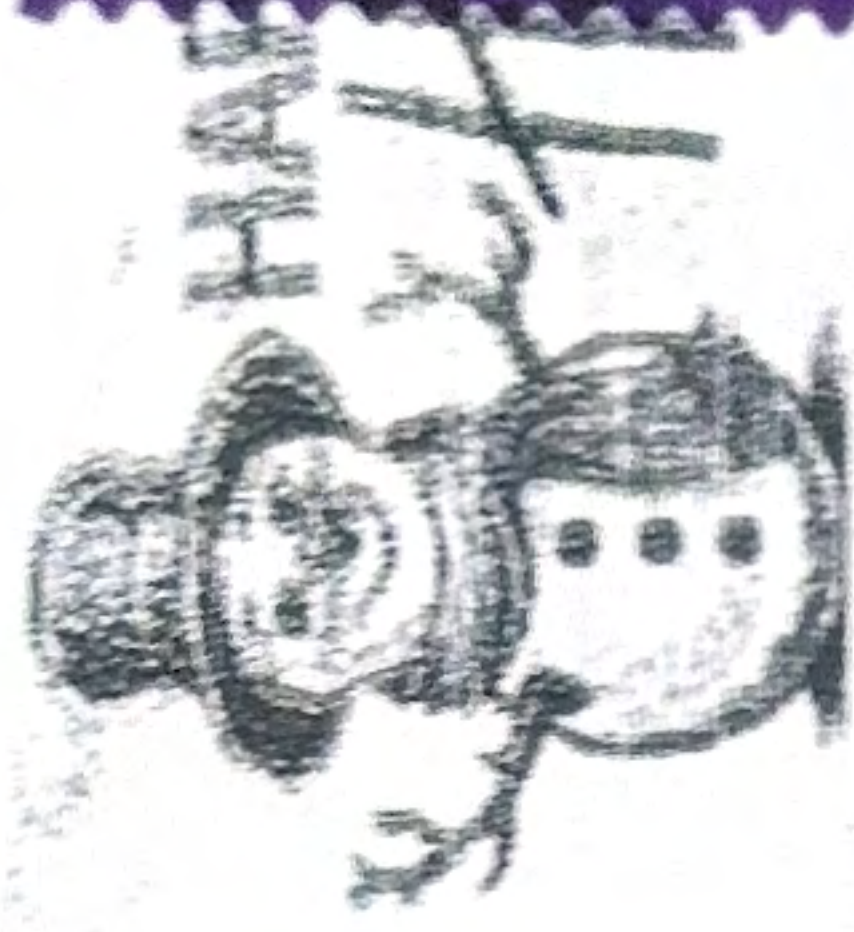


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Dear Steve P, Mario Monterio, Kyle Cambell;

Please if I may; I am writing to all who are concerned for the inmate population; On April 6th I will have 31, years of incarceration. In all these years the monies it cost to incarcerate me is well over hundreds of thousands of dollars. Most of my family and supporters have been by my side to help me get through transformational change, my rehabilitation & if you, will, what has been one of my most concern is to do the right thing throughout this whole ordeal, or experience is to give back to all those whom have been in my corner. My concern now is the fact all of my supporters are now in their 70's and 80's including my Aunt Doris Volzt who's 104 yrs old with the economy, the cost of living etc, All are on a fixed income, Making it hard at their ages.

to travel for visits, some of the burden such as phone use like now I am able to put \$5.00 or \$10.00 on my phone to call them pre-paid. Truly helps and as of late the D.O.C. has provided 2-Free phone calls, ^{10-MINUTES} and now we are able to have 2 or 3 Video visits, and that is very beneficial. Through all of my years of being incarcerated it has been visits, phone calls, letters which has allowed for me to keep positive, hopeful for my release to return to all my loved ones. These Communications are so imperative. The results of having positive people in ones life it's of most important, it has giving me my Character, the way I carry myself as a elder, a Man, a Mentor, a Christian leader. is a testament in itself. its human nature to live by example I have learned our actions have consequences, both our good and our bad, from 1994 to 2024 The first few years of being incarcerated I didn't understand it all. I just was to immature to know, however through care, love, support of family, friends and Church, even concerned D.O.C, Staff, I knew I needed to ^{be} optimistic, positive and make the necessary changes, having these phone calls, video visits, visits through out all these years. Keeps me grounded, established, hopeful, 3, decades, wow, this was all done 1 day at a time, its human will, I remain hopeful and optimistic.

And as a Second look legislation? that in it self looks hopeful, when i see something like a panel of men and women who could sit down with a person an inmate male or female, gather together, having a consideration to hear a person's case, to present his or her supporters, years of being incarcerated, having a support system, A job, A Home, has paid his or here debt to society and now can become an asset, and not be a detriment to ones community to be useful and beneficial like my brothers who stands before you all now, as rehabilitated, re deemed, has paid back, who's completed their "INCARCERATION", have grown, matured, and are now helpful, meaningful, members of our community given back, in such a way. Caring in such a way, That has a positive impact on Man as an whole, for the greater of human's Society, Community, Making a safer, healthier world here in lil Rhode, and around the world. please consider me as one who has changed, grower like these Man my brother, 1) Steve Parkhurst, 2) Mario Montorio, and last but not least my brother Kyle Campbell. THANK-You All so very much. please believe in me. please give me a second chance. my family and a community needs me. In Christ, He's the reason for this season. and so much more. Kenneth S. Rice

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