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As a victim of violent crime, I have a very personal and powerful view on this act on sentencing reduction. Something that must be taken into consideration is the consequence of this act. By reducing sentences of convicted criminals, essentially the entire purpose of sentencing is inflicted. These individuals should not be released prematurely because not only does it fail to give sufficient time for them to potentially pay their debt to society or change their ways, but also more importantly, it puts society as a whole in danger. Sentence reduction will release violent offenders back into mainstream society, where they are able and likely to repeat offenses and harm innocent people. This danger is preventable by maintaining the sentence given to such individuals.

This act disappoints and fails to protect any population involved. Sentenced individuals will not take sentencing, and therefore partaking in criminal behavior, as seriously, which is a danger to everyone. Any possible financial or legal benefit to this act is counteracted by the threats it poses to both criminals and citizens; there is undeniably more risk in initiating this act than there is value.

From a victim's perspective, I can guarantee society is immeasurably safer with my offender serving the greatest amount of his sentence possible. I cannot help to believe that my situation is the rule, and not the exception. These offenders were found guilty in a court of law, and then were individually given a sentence based on the specific circumstances of their actions. Victims know first hand what these individuals are capable of. I am not speaking only in attempt to protect other victims and myself, but also offenders, as they are a danger to themselves.

Releasing individuals before their sentencing is served leads victims and society as a whole to lose faith in the judicial system. Without proper punishment and rehabilitation of offenders members of society will never feel or be safe. Offenders should not be released due to their behavior during their time being served. Their punishment is for their actions among the general population, not while incarcerated.