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Good Morning or Good Evening to you all,

My name is Pamela A. Banks and I am writing to you in support of Bill #5221, if this bill shall pass you have no idea what it would mean to me and my family. My son Michael McClean who has been in jail since he was 15 years old and he's now 34 will be effected by this bill and so will I. Just to give you a little back round on Michael he did not have the best first chance at life, I haven't always been there for him, from the start due to me being a young mom and having my own issues I had to give Michael up for adoption due to me not being mentally or finicianally able to take care of him. By the Grace of God I was lucky to stumble upon an older lady who took me and my son in and eventually ended up adopting Michael. But she had her own kids which she was also raising their kids so Michael eventually fell through the cracks.

Today I can sit here and tell you that my son Michael McClean will be a great asset to society due to all the hard work he has put into becoming a better person, especially since it could have been so easy for him to take the angry road due to not having a mother or father in his life, but instead he have such a positive and passionate outlook on life which actually inspires me. I ask when deciding on this bill please take into consideration that the people who this bill would effect was children when the crime was committed and yes I know they should have punishment but now it's time to help them change the negative that has been done into a positive back into society which is a second change at life, which they can also help other people from making the same mistake they made when they were young. Because we all know and see that looking at the news today we need more positive role models out here that can relate to the troublesome youth to show them a different way to channel all the anger they have and put it to something positive and trust me my son will definitely be a great role model and an asset to society, because he currently talks to high school students twice a month and have been doing so for quite some time now.

Also to just share a bit of the man Michael have become today, if you were to go to the prison that my son is held at and ask anyone that knows him what type of guy he is today you would be shocked to hear that despite what he has done at the age of 15 he's no longer that person he have matured so much he's a very helpful, passionate and motivating individual who's also eager to help and teach or share his knowledge. He has been ticket free for over 14 years and done took all the classes he possibly could have even starting to repeat the same classes, to ensure he's is using his time wisely.

I hope you all have a great day God Bless you all and please consider passing this law so me and my son can reunite as well as so many other families.

Thank you for your time!