Senate Bill No. 796, An Act Concerning Lengthy Sentences for Crimes Committed by a Child or Youth and the Sentencing of a Child or Youth Convicted of Certain Felony Offenses

House Bill No. 6926, An Act Concerning Lengthy Sentences for Crimes Committed by a Child or Youth

3.3.15

Judiciary Committee

Hartford, CT.

Dear Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jack Holden, father of Kyle Holden who was murdered on 10.15.1999, by two thugs who Carjack his car.

Once they were captured and brought to court, one thug was over 18 and pleaded guilty and received life without the possibility of parole.

The second thug, Jamaal Coltherst, being 126 days before his 18 birthday, fought the court system. There were numerous discussions about his age at the time he Murdered my Son KYLE and was still found guilty of the following charges:

Accessory to Capital Murder

Robbery 1st

Robbery 2nd

Accessory to commit Larcey 1st

Conspiracy to commit Kidnap 1st

Laceny 4th.

FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF LIFE PLUS 71 YEARS.

THREE DAYS LATER HE TRIED KILLING MICHAEL CLARK.

His age was brought up numerous times as well.

These are the following charges in Mr. Clark's case.

Attempted Kidnap 1st with a firearm

Burglary 1st

Conspiracy to Commit Burglary 1st

Attempt to Commit Murder

Assault 1st

Conspiracy to Commit Assault 1st

Robbery 1st

Conspiracy to commit Robbery 1st

Conspiracy to commit Kidnap 1st with Firearm

Conspiracy to Commit Burglary 1st

Conspiracy to Commit Assault 1st

Larceny 1st

Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 1st

FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF 85 YEARS.

Together a final GRAND TOTAL OF LIFE PLUS 156 YEARS.

DOES THIS SEEM LIKE A SOMEONE WHO DESERVES A BREAK BECAUSE HE WAS 126 DAYS BEFORE HIS 18TH BIRTHDAY?

Please stop the suffering my family has gone through for the last 3 years with this potential re-sentencing of this thug hanging over our head.. We have gone through 15 years of torment with the senseless MURDER of our beloved son KYLE.

Holden Family