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Lifers for Change
Mr. William Howard #121-462
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Jessup, Maryland 20794

Dear Mr. Howard,

Thank you for the letter from Lifers for Change expressing your legislative efforts regarding matters of sentencing for juveniles and other who have received life sentences. This legislation in the House of Delegates is sponsored by Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and Delegate Pamela Queen. I have provided them both with copies of your letter.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,


Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker

COPY: Chairman Luke Clippinger
Delegate Pamela Queen

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Lifers for Change

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

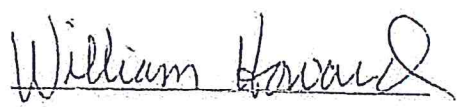
We (the members of Lifers for Change) are writing to your office with an update on our 2020 legislative efforts.

We are sending you an advance copy of the photo's of our lifers housed here at MCI-J. 1st page is of 10 juveniles serving life at MCI-J. **Note*, there are a few more juvenile lifers here that are not pictured. The following pages are of 44 individuals who where 18 years old and older serving life with parole here at MCI-J.

We hope you and your staff use their photo's as encouragement when considering the 2020 session and removing the Governor from the parole process. Also, when considering any Bill for youthful offenders for this year.

Moreover, because we are seeking your support for legislation that is before you and your committee this year. We look forward to working with you in the future. Please feel free to contact us if needed.

Thank you in advance,



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CC: P. Morgan
(Deputy Commissioner)
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Group File

I. ORGANIZATION SUMMARY

The *Lifers for Change* group consists of Maryland State prisoners who are serving parole-eligible life sentences and those serving very lengthy sentences. As such, the members are personally aware of the fact that far too often people are kept in prison long after they cease to present any significant threat to public safety.¹ Therefore, *Lifers for Change* seek to advocate with prison administrators to establish rehabilitative programming suited for their members – and similar individuals in the general population – while also lobbying the Maryland General Assembly to pass legislation favorable to the aging lifer population.

While the campaign of the *Lifers for Change* group is multifaceted, there is but one ultimate goal; which is to have standards put in place that allow every eligible prisoner who has successfully undergone a behavioral transformation to be released through the parole process. It is an objective of the *Lifers for Change* group to bridge the gap between life in prison and life in society by assisting prisoners in developing the vocational, educational, and social skills necessary for crime-free reintegration.

Lifers for Change recognizes that achieving public safety is a process that involves multiple institutions within society and various approaches to changing behaviors. The era of mass incarceration produced a distorted and counterproductive version of what that process should look like. Over the past few years there has emerged a strong movement to end mass incarceration, reform the policies which created it, and release from confinement those who have exceeded the limit of repaying their debt to society because of it. In order for this movement of the “reformers” to be successful, we prisoners must immerse ourselves in the cause by prioritizing challenges to the political culture and policies that have made the deep end of the American prison system a stain on the ideals of a democratic society.

WILL MARYLAND GIVE JUVENILE LIFERS A SECOND CHANCE?



Gordon Pack
DOC #155-067
Age 56
40 Years



Darrell Canfield
DOC #156-194
Age 55
40 Years



Kenneth Middleton
DOC #157-339
Age 56
39 Years



Harry Jackson
DOC #168-435
Age 54
37 Years



Sean Blount
DOC #174-337
Age 52
36 Years



John Ristick
DOC #178-837
Age 50
35 Years



Elmer M. Snowden
DOC #183-920
Age 51
34 Years



David Hartless
DOC #200-637
Age 51
34 Years



Leon Noel
DOC #264-284
Age 46
30 Years



Willie Hamilton
DOC #239-284
Age 44
27 Years

"THIS IS JUST A SMALL AMOUNT OF THE APPROXIMATE 300 JUVENILE LIFERS" AS OF 2020

INDIVIDUALS SERVING LIFE WITH PAROLE @MCI-J

WORKING TO TAKE THE POLITICS OUT OF PAROLE



William Howard
DOC #121-462
Age 73
48 Years



Kelly R. Dorsey-Bey
DOC #168-350
Age 70
43 Years



Eugene Banks
DOC #151503
Age 60
42 Years



Howard EarHart
DOC #151-653
Age 62
42 Years



Anthony Pressbery
DOC #154-432
Age 59
40 Years



Marvin Crossell
DOC #165-755
Age 59
40 Years



Willie Senn
DOC #173-551
Age 72
40 Years



Virgil McClung
DOC #160-268
Age 58
39 Years

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INDIVIDUALS SERVING LIFE WITH PAROLE @MCI-J

WORKING TO TAKE THE POLITICS OUT OF PAROLE



Robert Kehne
DOC #165-635
Age 78
39 Years



Bobby Grimes
DOC #164-459
Age 60
38 Years



Michael Southall
DOC #166-217
Age 72
38 Years



Damon Jones
DOC #168-350
Age 55
38 Years



James P. Scott
DOC #168-490
Age 59
37 Years



Guy Wilkinson
DOC #171-663
Age 55
36 Years



Robert Backora
DOC #172-263
Age 73
36 Years



David Maxwell
DOC #172-858
Age 70
36 Years

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INDIVIDUALS SERVING LIFE WITH PAROLE @MCI-J

WORKING TO TAKE THE POLITICS OUT OF PAROLE



John Woodland
DOC #173-061
Age 64
36 Years



Anthony Alston
DOC #174-770
Age 59
36 Years



Troy Baltimore
DOC #177-237
Age 56
36 Years



Joseph Barnett
DOC #177-352
Age 56
36 Years



Gary Yorke
DOC #177-083
Age 64
36 Years



Tracy Peterson
DOC #184-116
Age 56
34 Years



Leonard Cirincione
DOC #186-738
Age 62
33 Years



Clifton Frazier
DOC #193-128
Age 56
33 Years

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INDIVIDUALS SERVING LIFE WITH PAROLE @MCI-J

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Clifton Dobbins
DOC #195-140
Age 65
33 Years



Todd Smiley
DOC #201-864
Age 62
31 Years



Bobby Pringle
DOC #208-473
Age 61
31 Years



Charles Dyson
DOC #271-034
Age 61
31 Years



Raymond Pope
DOC #210-494
Age 50
30 Years



Renard McClain
DOC #271-034
Age 48
30 Years



Danny A. Deal
DOC #230-128
Age 47
27 Years



Delvone Whack
DOC #250-424
Age 45
27 Years

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INDIVIDUALS SERVING LIFE WITH PAROLE @MCI-J

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Chris Adolph
DOC #287-157
Age 49
22 Years



Jerome Lockley
DOC #281-009
Age 41
22 Years



David Serrano
DOC #366-261
Age 36
12 Years



Perry Alexander
DOC #440-614
Age 26
7 Years

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