Support House Bill 0409


I am Alonzo E. Turner-Bey
I was recently release (Oct 16, 2020)
After serving 31 years (Mommy is 15 Days)
For a crime I committed at a Juvenile
I was sentenced to life plus 5 years
In prison,

I am submitting this written request
That this Committee, please pass this
Piece of legislation "House Bill 0409"
Because, it is very much needed in our
State (Maryland). If we look to our
Neighboring States (Virginia, West Virginia,
Washington D.C., Ohio and even Mississippi)
All have passed bills and created laws
that states clearly no longer will we
Lock our children up for the rest
of their life and all offers a Second
Chance at release in many different
forms, unlike Maryland.

To remove the Governor from the
Parole Process is great. But, it is
Not enough. Because, we all know
Maryland has a Broken Parole System
Example: you all have the pictures
Of the juveniles serving life, I put
Out over the past 5 years. Though my
Organization Positive C.H.A.N.G.E.,
Let us all look at the entire
Top line of juvenile lives.
Now look at Mr. Gary Miller, he came to prison in 1965 as a juvenile. In 2010, he refused to continue to appear before the Maryland Parole Board. Because after being locked up for 45 years and having over 17 parole hearings and the last 11 hearings, Miller was given a one year re-hearing each year. Yes, it one year hits with a promise of release. And even as we debate this bill to remove the Governor, Mr. Miller is still in prison serving life. Because the parole system in Maryland is broken. Therefore, this bill is the only way to restore hope to Mr. Miller and other juvenile lifers and those serving long term sentences in Maryland.

Therefore, I am requesting you all to support this bill and vote this bill out of committee. House Bill 9409 and allow judges to see if each of these juveniles should be given a second chance and when? This bill allows this only after serving 20 years.

Let’s give some hope back to our children serving life and long term sentences... in Maryland.

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Thank you and God bless.

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