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DEAR SENATOR SYDNOR,

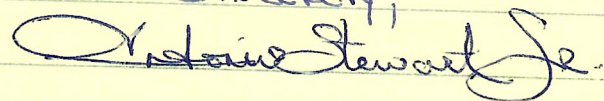
I WAS TWENTY NINE YEARS old AT THE TIME OF MY OFFENSE. I HAVE SERVED APPROX. SIXTEEN YEARS OF MY 50 YEAR SENTENCE. IM CURRENTLY 45 YEARS old AND I BELIEVE BY THE PASSING OF THE MARYLAND SECOND LOOK ACT, WOULD BENEFIT THOSE OF US WHO HAVE MADE THE CHANGE TO BECOME APART OF SOCIETY AGAIN.

IN THE SIXTEEN YEARS OF INCARCERATION I HAVE HELD NUMEROUS POSITIONS SUCH AS; SEGREGATION WORKER, PRISON EXTERMINATOR, MCE SEWING SHOP AND CURRENTLY ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK FOR THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE. THESE JOBS HAS GIVEN ME A DIFFERENT OUTLOOK ON LIFE WHICH HAS BEEN IMPORTANT TO MY GROWTH.



I HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF PROGRAMS WITHIN THE INSTITUTION SUCH AS; ALTERNATIVE TO VIOLENCE LEVELS 1 AND 2, PURPOSE FOR DRIVEN LIFE, KAIGOS, MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE along with certificates for participating and training others on different instruments. I also obtained a 2 year degree thru STRATFORD CAREER INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY AND POLICE SCIENCE.

I believe the MARYLAND SECOND LOOK ACT should be passed so that it would give an opportunity to those who ARE INCARCERATED hope for tomorrow.

Sincerely,  


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House and Senate Judiciary Proceedings Committee  
Attn: Senator Charles E. Sydnor, III  
11 Bladen Street  
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**RE:** Second Look Act; Favorable/Support testimonial

Dear Senator Sydnor:

I was twenty-four years old at the time of my offense. I have served thirty-six years on a life sentence (with parole eligibility). I am sixty years old and I believe that I am the perfect example of why the *Maryland Second Look Act* should be passed. I am a highly energetic, hardworking, and dedicated person who has organized and lead Adult Education programs, self-improvement workshops, and seminars over the past fifteen years. This demonstrates my motivation as well as my desire to help others. Throughout this experience, I was able to practice my listening and communication skills in order to identify and respond to the needs of others.

My practical knowledge relative to mentoring includes mindfulness, self-reflection, and psychological approaches. I developed these techniques through years of reading and studying which has helped me to deal with many things in my own life, such as the loss of three sons, a granddaughter, a wife, and a father. It has also been vital to my ability to deal with my own depression and anxiety.

I have held a number of jobs during my incarceration, including Carpentry aide, special housing clerk, MCE Meatcutting Plant leader, maintenance plumber, Volunteer Activities Coordinator clerk, special project construction, academic aide, and SUI Metal shop fabricator. All of the skills relative to these jobs I've learned while incarcerated since 1989.

In addition to these things, I have taken advantage of every program made available to me. These include the Alternative to Violence program, Thinking/Deciding/Changing, N.A./A.A., Conflict Resolution, Jaycee's, and Victim Awareness. I have also been involved in a number of activities such as Big Brother's (2004-2009), Founder and President of Prison Awareness (2010-2016), Salisbury University Book Club (2016-2021), and an active member and leader in the Catholic Fellowship for over the past thirty years.

Lifers are never given the opportunity to change and show that they are ready to go back in to society. People who want to change and have taken every opportunity to improve themselves should have the chance to be evaluated and show that they have changed.

I desire and plan to take advantage of all of the skills and experience that I have obtained over the years of my incarceration and use them in the real world as a free citizen. It is for this reason and many others that I believe the *Maryland Second Look Act* should be passed so that men like myself would have an opportunity for a second chance at life.

Respectfully submitted,

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