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Dear Senate Sydnor,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Samantha Jones, and I am a psychotherapist specializing in trauma-informed therapy and community work. I am writing to express my heartfelt support for the Second Look Act that will be presented before the Senate on Thursday.

My father, Victor Blythe, has been incarcerated at the North Branch Correctional Institute in Cumberland, Maryland since I was three years old. Growing up without my father was incredibly detrimental to my development as a young woman. I struggled with various issues such as identity, self-sabotage, insecurity, and self-harm. My father's imprisonment has profoundly influenced my later years and fueled my dedication to working with urban at-risk communities and incarcerated populations, focusing on trauma-focused rehabilitation.

Despite the circumstances, my father has shown remarkable resilience and personal growth during his time in prison. He has committed himself to rehabilitation, education, and becoming a positive influence within the correctional facility.

The Second Look Act represents a beacon of hope for individuals like my father who have demonstrated genuine transformation and earned the opportunity for reconsideration. I urge you to support the Second Look Act and give individuals like my father the opportunity to prove that they are capable of contributing positively to society.

This legislation would not only provide a chance for my father to reunite with his family but also offer a pathway to redemption for countless others who have worked hard to change their lives for the better.

Your support for this legislation would mean the world to me, my family, and many others who are longing for a second chance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Samantha Jones, LCSW