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Greetings:

My Name is Debra and I was asked by my fellow inmates/Friends to write to you and to share what I feel and how I feel about being in Prison! I will start by answering some of your questions.

- ① Do I feel like Commutation gives me hope? Yes/No. Only because this is my third time going up and I still don't know why I didn't make it the first two times. Third time has to be my turn!!! I Pray.
- ② What was my life like before Prison? My life is and was wonderful until 7-14-1983 My life ended along with so many other lives. I come from a close knit family. I have at the time 10 siblings along with a football team of Nieces/Nephews Cousins Aunt/Uncles and lets not forget my Son's and 6 Grandchildren and my 1 Great Granddaughter. I come from Love Lots of Love. We had Cookouts Partied all the time, Prayed Yes all the time. We had a good life like I said until 7-14-1983! When it all came to a stop once I caught this case!!!
- ③ What's my life like now during my Prison Stay? It's Misable Miserable Miserable!!! I've lost My Dad, 3 brothers, 3 Nephews, 2 Nieces, 2 brother, on Laws 2 sister in Laws, 2 aunts, Atleast 10 Friends. And it's nothing you can do but stay in prayer asking God to keep everyone strong and out of harms way. A I Pray That he gives me strenght to deal with all this lost!! It's had a hold on me due to the fact that I'm a Lifer. Yes a lifer and it's hard doing time and not being able to console or comfort your love ones



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Cause not only ARE we doing life sentence's so ARE our love one's. I Just thank God that after (39) years my family that's still Around ARE to caring loving and supporting ME. I Just feel bad for them because Although I comitted my crime they are in Prison with my Cause they never Given up on me!!!. Since my stay here I've completed All my Groups and I maintain to hang in there and stay in prayer. I came in Prison when I was (24) years old I am now 64 years old. There is nothing else I can do. Beside Collect SSC or SSD Due to my Health Pailing. But that's Another topic.

④ Should Laws that Allow D.B.I Sentence Be Change? Yes  
Because one the Person was either young didn't No no better. OR Didn't have Money for A lawyer. Besides These lawyers OR Public defenders dont take the time to Really look into your Case nor do they take the time to break down what you are facing when going before the Judge. I Know because I was Rail Roaded when I went before Judge Juanita Kidd Stout and City Councilman John F. Street for my Public Defender. He was Running for Mayor!! And Stout was Running for President Judge. Oh Lets not forget DA Sandy Byrd who is now Judge. Yes Everyone Got Promoted O P O P Debra R. Ward. 7-14-1983 They Got Promoted so did I to A life Sentence and I still sit Cause I Roll my Eye's AT the girl. Life for Rolling My Eye's A sisters!!