

This letter concerns all  
LWOP's.

The impact of being sentenced to life without parole has not only affected me as a human being physically, but mentally as well. I have one living relative, my brother who is sixteen years older than me. I might not have the chance of parole and take care of him weighs heavy on my heart each and every day. Not only was I sentenced to LWOP, I also have three life sentences. I was sentenced at the age of forty eight. This is a sentence that can extinguish any glimmer of hope. Lives in prison matter, we matter. LWOP's work hard at there rehabilitation. We take group, we learn and grow, then we become facilitators. We go to school, we get our GED's, we continue, go to college, then starting working on our BA's. We make goals and we accomplish them. We are mentors, mothers, sisters, daughters. Not only to our family, but to the community in here. Even though the impact was devastating, I have risen

up and changed my whole life. With my education and the resources that I have learned now, I can honestly say if I could I could work and help in a community, my community. Help others, and mentor young people. Guide them down the right path not the wrong one.

HLWOP's are the hardest working group in prison, yet we are not recognized. We are the backbone of the prison. We can be this too in our communities. Let us go, it is our time. Not believing in us and giving us a second chance is unjust and unfair.

I would like to see the HLWOP sentence dropped. There is no reason for someone to live a walking death sentence.

Law makers should take into consideration that the HLWOP for juveniles is uncalled for this should be abolished, for older people fifteen to twenty five years. This is a sufficient sentence. Death by incarceration is useless and unacceptable.

Thank you for your  
time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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