

Dear Mr. Proctor,

I am a 66 year old woman who is struggling under extreme sentencing, specifically LWOP. I was not the perpetrator and yet I was sentenced to die in prison. I program constantly and have even managed to become a state certified drug and alcohol counselor. Others receive milestones and time off credit for the same things I do but LWOP's get nothing. It is depressing and demoralizing but I press on in the hope that things will change. I have been incarcerated since 2005 and in prison since 2006.

Extreme, mandatory sentencing does not take into account the non-perpetrator's actual knowledge and involvement. It also does not address the true question of whether someone is an actual danger to society. With no chance to prove my worth to a parole board it is hard to maintain hope and my family no longer has faith in our broken justice system. Your help is appreciated.

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