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Mr. Andrew Clark
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Reference: Luis A. Santiago J.R.
Inmate# 371265
Manson Youth Institution
42 Jarvis Street
Cheshire, CT 06410

Dear Honorable Mr. Andrew Clark,

My name is Maria Franco. I am 60 years old and have worked for American Airlines for 30 years until my recent retirement. I am the grandmother of Luis A. Santiago inmate# 371265.

It was brought to my attention by one of the Manson Youth Institution Captains, that there may be a new reconsideration process for a minor whom committed a crime while under the age of 18 and is sentenced as an adult, to be eligible for an early release program under parole supervision.

My grandson Luis A. Santiago Inmate# 371265 committed his crimes at age 15, he was arrested and incarcerated at age 16. While incarcerated and awaiting prosecution he turned 17, and although he committed his crimes at age 15 he was still sentenced as an adult for these crimes.

I believe my grandson Luis would be a great candidate to be given a "meaningful opportunity" to obtain release before serving the maximum term of the sentence imposed on him.

Since being incarcerated for the last 3 years Luis has matured and has worked very hard on preparing himself for a life outside of prison. He has a number of accomplishments which include the following:

1. High School Diploma G.E.D. (with Honors).
2. Outstanding Achievement Award in Composition.
3. Certificate of Merritt for the "Beyond Fear" Program.
4. Successful completion of the R.I.S.E. Program.
5. Successful completion of the A.P.F.S. Program.
6. Certificate of Achievement in Auto Body.
7. Certificate of Achievement in Graphics and Printing Technologies Levels 1-2, 13-14.
8. Certificate of Achievement in Graphics and Printing Technologies Levels 4,7,8 and 12.
9. Recognition of the successful completion of the TIER IV substance abuse program.

While on my weekly visits and phone calls, Luis always has demonstrated a very positive attitude, he takes full responsibility for the actions that led him to his incarceration, and shows considerable remorse.

I am ready and willing to provide Luis with a safe home and every aspect of support, guidance, accountability and love. My son in law can offer him direct employment at his company Global Entertainment Group upon he being granted early release. I also have an extra vehicle Luis can use to commute back and forth to work and school, as he plans to continue his education by attending college.

I believe beyond a doubt that given the opportunity of early release Luis will come home and make us all proud. Thank You for your time and attention.

Sincerely,


Maria A. Franco