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MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT
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Personal identifying information has been redacted

Public Comment #1:

From: Sara Bartel
Subject: Gaddis Petition - Attention Victoria Gonzalez
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:45 PM

My name is Sara Bartel. I am a volunteer advocate with Nevada CURE. We recently received a letter from Ashley Gaddis, a prisoner currently being held at Florence McClure Women's Correctional Facility. This letter included a petition Ms. Gaddis had circulated requesting that Governor Sisolak use the powers granted to him in 2017 by AB 25 and codified at NRS 209.4465 which allow him to grant additional good time credits to offenders. I believe Ms. Gaddis is looking for your department's support and possibly assistance in getting this petition circulated and noticed by the Governor's office.

We do not usually forward such requests but because of the effort Ms. Gaddis has put in and the elevated danger posed to prisoners by Covid 19, I thought it would be appropriate to at least pass along the letter and petition for Executive Director Gonzalez's review. I have encouraged Ms. Gaddis to write to the Governor directly as well.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

In solidarity,

Sara Bartel

Public Comment #2:

From: Jeffrey Jones
Subject: Re: Juvenile offender's
Date: Tue 9/22/2020 10:14 AM

Dear Sentencing commission

My name is Jeffrey Jones. I spent 32-years in prison. I got out on parole on August 14th, 2019. I was 17-years old when I committed my crime. (Phone # redacted). I am once again asking you to suggest a bill in the next legislative session dealing with juvenile offender's. The U.S. Supreme Court made it mandatory that the State's must base their decision on Growth Maturity and rehabilitation. The Pardons Board guidelines does not reflect the rulings under Graham vs florida, Miller vs Alabama, & Montgomery vs Louisiana. I put in a community application for the Pardons Board in November of

2019. Only asking the Pardons Board to commute my sentence to time served. Not asking for a full pardon. I called the executive secretary of the Pardons Board earlier this year. And talked to her about my application. And she told me that do to my crime (a sex offense) that no Governor will ever hear my case because of my crime. And that I should be happy that I am out. When I mentioned about the U.S. supreme Court on this issue. She told me that is federal law. Another words the State's don't have to follow it. I told her it does apply to the State's. So this is why a law needs to be passed on this issue. As of right now I will never get the opportunity to see the Pardons Board because of my crime. This is not fair, since the U.S. supreme Court ordered the State's base their decision on Growth Maturity and rehabilitation. Not on the crime it's self. I would love to see the Pardons Board or Court's to present to them who I am now. Not who I was. I was also a model inmate when I was incarcerated. Other states are doing this with juvenile offender's. My application to the Pardons Board should be based on Growth Maturity and rehabilitation not the crime. If this does not change then the Pardons Board Guidelines is not following the U.S. supreme Court rulings on this issue. Thank you for your time on this matter.
Sincerely Jeffrey Jones.