

To Whom It May Concern:

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Currently, I am incarcerated within South Carolina Department of Corrections and we recently were notified that all inmates who were previously on restriction such as the loss of canteen, phone and visitation privileges will now be receiving what is called a second chance throughout all institutions within South Carolina. Meanwhile, inmates such as myself who has not received any disciplinary actions or write ups are not going to receive any incentives and are not be noticed for choosing to serve their time in a way that demonstrates change and growth towards returning back into society as productive citizen.

I respect that everyone deserves a second chance the question being raised is what about those who use their first chance as if it were their only? I would like there to be some consideration on this issue to offer those inmates such as myself and others who have served their time complied with all rules, policies and procedures to be considered for more work credits and good behavior credits that will reduce the amount of time the inmate has. Develop programs that will offer those inmates the opportunity to gain and earn skills that can be used in society. Offer more jobs in all institutions where an inmate has potential of earning an income to become self-sufficient and productive.

In conclusion, being an inmate does not define who I am or what I will become. This has been a hard life lesson that I had to learn and with saying that daily I choose to make the decision to be and inspire others to think differently when they think of a prisoner. We as inmates have been looked down and all are placed in a group as a whole. I beg to differ people can change and all I am asking is that more is done for those who are doing right and less be taken from those who openly choose to respect and serve their time without causing a disturbance or uproar. I greatly appreciate you taking time to consider the issues and concerns within our prison system here in South Carolina.

Respectfully yours,

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