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Hello Lt. Govenor Bryant,

Hope you and your state have fared better than ours with Hurricane Irma. As I spent 2 days locked up in the comfort of my home - it made my heart ache for Riley who just spent from Friday to Tuesday locked in his cell with not even a window to look out. His is still one of 2 cells where the metal plates have not been removed from the windows. Do you know who I can reach out to about having them removed?

Any assistance or guidance would be so very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Laurie McDermott

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From: Laurie Mcdermott

To: kevinbryant

Sent: Sun, Sep 3, 2017 8:51 am

Subject: Corrections and Penology Oversight Subcommittee on the SC Department of Corrections

Hello Lt. Govenor Bryant,

I have been watching the progress of your campaign with hope and prayers for your success.

I wanted to let you know that I have been working with some other mothers in SC who have sons incarcerated on first time felony DUI's like Riley.

We have been reaching out to senators and comittee members to appeal for reform in sentencing.

I wanted to share the attached list of requests we have shared with them.

On a personal note- nearly a month ago windows at McCormick Correctional Institution were covered with metal plates that block nearly all sunlight.

Riley say's it's like living in a dungeon - with no natural light, never knowing if it is day or night or if it is raining or the sun is shining. This seems cruel and unusual to me for people who are made to live most of their time in an 8x8 cell. It is also very demoralizing and depressing. I have reached ot to everyone I can think of - and some of the covers were removed - but not Riley's. Is there anything that you can do to help?

Sincere thanks for your continued compassion.

Sincerely,

Laurie McDermott