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RE: Mason, Samuel D.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I offer this letter as a petition to be released from the Oregon State Prison System earlier than my release date.

I realize that the life I was living was no example to my children, grandchild and certainly not healthy for myself. I have goals for myself as stated below:

1. First and foremost it is time for me to not aide in destroying my community, but to give back to my community. When we tear down nothing good comes from that. However, when we help build there are no limitations to what we do and can achieve. When I was previously released, I didn't understand the importance of not going around the same people I knew. It is past time for me to stand up and be the man I know I can be which is not just a father but being a light in a community that cares about people.
2. I was not always there for my children and now that I have grandchildren. I want to watch them grow up, be successful and be productive and of good character.
3. Show other young men that being in trouble is not positive. It serves no purpose and instead of causing trouble be the one who aids others in staying out of trouble, in other words be a good role model. There are too many young men on the streets in our communities that need positivity in their lives. Things like completing school, not just high school but college as well and reaching their dreams. Looting and shooting is not the way. We have lost far too many young men from destructive violence and its time for it to stop.
4. Aid in teaching young men how to prepare for an adult life in a positive versus negative way. By things I mean showing them how to dress in a more professional manner for interviews versus going to an interview with their pants around their knee and then getting mad when they don't get the job.
5. Finally it is time for the men in our communities not just black or white or Hispanic to stand up and be men and teach those coming up behind us what it means to be positive role models and I intend when released to be one of those positive role models.

I submit this letter for the purpose of possibly getting early release to be able to give back.

Sincerely,

Samuel D. Mason