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Dear Chairwoman Saris and Commissioners,

The purpose of this letter is to ask you and the Commissioners to discuss and reconsider the mandatory minimum law. Yes I am guilty of a crime, and yes I deserve to go to prison, but 20 years is more time than rapists and armed robbers get. A drug rehabilitation, education program seems more logical than a life sentence, which is what I got considering my age. It could also be called a death sentence being as I have congestive heart failure.

Since being incarcerated I have participated in many voluntary classes in many different areas of possible employment such as Basic Construction, HVAC, Copyright/Trademark, Creative writing (which I'm currently writing a comedy fiction novel). I have also been Baptized, attend Church every Sunday, Tuesday and Saturday's when a service is offered. I have voluntarily taken a Drug Education Class, AA and NA classes and am signed up for the Non-Residential Drug Class, and also have taken a Basic Computer Class. I have stayed out of trouble and respect the staff and other inmates. Some of us in here

actually have learned our lesson, and when I get out of prison, my intentions are to speak to Junior High and High School Students regarding the dangers of alcohol and drug use and abuse.

Please give it a thought about the mandatory minimum law being changed, it is costing the taxpayers a fortune and destroying families and lives. Thanks for your time Ms. Saris.

Sincerely,

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Attention: Public Affairs - Priorities Comment

To Whom it May Concern,

I am in favor of eliminating Mandatory Minimum sentences for ALL Non-Violent crimes!

Sincerely,

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