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Testimony:

My name is Jaquawn Burton Sr. and I am currently "housed" at Cheshire C.I serving a fifty five year sentence. I have been incarcerated since the tender age of 19 and while incarcerated I've grown tremendously. Shockingly enough, most of my growth has come from acknowledging past mistakes, understanding self, and wanting more out of life than what I was exposed to in my youth.

The D.O.C has policies in place that indirectly or directly strips the possibility of better from an individual's mindset because the opportunities are either for those who don't have any write ups, cooperate with/for the correctional staff, or simply aren't going home in the next couple years.

I myself have never had any utilities, phone bills, or anything of the sorts in my name and recently I attempted to open a bank account amongst other things to create some sort of financial stability, but being as though I've never had an ID, any proof of income or anything the bank needed, the process was halted and the question of "well what if I was released in the next couple years?" immediately popped into my head and the answer is I'd be lost and unprepared.

The laws and legislation in this state are constantly changing and so does the way individuals with what used to be a life sentence are treated. There is a need for greater programming, and schooling within the D.O.C if there is any hope for actual change!