

Hi my name is Kamyra Hasan, I am 15 year-old and the youngest daughter of Hamedah Hasan. I have never seen my mother outside of prison grounds because she was pregnant with me when she was first sentenced. Therefor I do not know what kind of person she was before she went to prison, but I know what kind of mother she is now. She is a very caring and loving mother. I can talk to her about anything and I know that she will be honest with me.

This past summer my mother called me and told me that she was going to be released in about a week. At first it felt surreal, something inside of me just couldn't believe it. I had been imagining that exact moment for years. It had finally come and I couldn't believe it. After a few hours my emotions had changed from disbelief to excitement. I kept thinking about all of the things that we would finally be able to do. My mind was racing with ideas and pictures of the way that my future would change. Then to find out that it wasn't going to be happening anymore, just broke me down. I was filled with so many emotions that I can't even begin to explain. I still feel pain to this day, and I will until she is released. She has missed so much of my childhood. I only have two more

years of it and I truly need her to guide me through it. I feel that all of my family does. My older sisters, my nephew, my niece, and my grandparents all need her too.

There is nothing in this world that I want more than my mom home. She is my inspiration and my everything, I love her more than words can express. She is a very strong-minded, determined person and she has taught me so much. She gives me good advice and makes me want to be a better person. She has taught me things like self-respect and to never give up. She has also had a huge influence on my values like honesty, earnesty, respect, and freedom. I am also inspired by her to go to college and to make something of myself. She always tells me that I should never limit myself and that I can do anything and go anywhere with education, goals and a support system. I think the people who decide her fate should think of their mothers and how different and difficult their lives would have been without their moms. She is much more than a mom she is a daughter, a grandmother, a sister, a cousin, and a friend. Her being incarcerated affects our whole family.