

To whom this may concern,

My mom has been in prison for a little over 16 years and it is simply time for her to come home. Come home to a family that will love and support her unconditionally. A family that NEEDS her. A teenage daughter who NEEDS her mother's guidance, two adult daughters who NEED their mother's wisdom on raising children, elderly parents who NEED their daughter's care, grandchildren who NEED their "Honey's" enthusiasm + fun times, and a community that could benefit from her knowledge.

I always understood prison as being a place for people to pay their debt to society and reform. My mom has chosen to maintain a positive attitude. She has participated in many activities, taken courses to further her education, and has reached out to the youth. Throughout this 16 1/2 year journey my mom has never been in any trouble. I believe inmates like my mom should be rewarded with time served. After so many years why continue to keep people in prison?

who don't deserve to be there.

I don't think she sounds like a woman who I'd shy away from in a grocery store or someone who poses a threat to society in any way. Do you?

Growing up with my mom was the best! She was so fun.

She would always gather the kids in the family together to have a good time. Everyone loved being around my mom.

That's the kind of woman she was, she knew how to bring joy to people and have a good time. I remember

many evenings of making oat-meal cookies and playing the boardgame Sorry. She always knew how to keep my sister and I entertained. On the

other hand she made sure she installed respect + responsibility in us. I had chores I was

responsible for and I never thought twice about disrespecting my elders, especially my mom. She was good to us

and I appreciate that. Since she's been in prison she has continued to be a wonderful mother. Doing as much as she

could from a distance. She'd question us about school, make us send her our report cards, listen if we had problems or concerns, give advice, and teach us valuable lessons about life. Those are the things I am thankful for because it made me the woman I am today. I have never been in trouble with the law, I'm currently attending college to become a pharmacy technician, raising my daughter, and I've been working in the healthcare field for the last 6 years.

Despite all the obstacles my mom has faced she never stopped short of being a great mother.

I can not begin to put in words the feelings I felt as my younger sister Ayesha told me my mom would be getting released from prison. I sat down and suddenly the day seemed much brighter. Those were words I'd been waiting to hear since I was nine years old. I sat there in disbelief as tears came down my face. So many thoughts went through my mind. I thought about how she'd finally be home

with her family and how much my grandparents would appreciate that. Within about 3 days the unthinkable happened. The decision for my mom to be released from prison was overturned for the second time. I was hurt, angry, and confused, so many questions without answers. How do you explain to a 3 year old girl anticipating her Honey's arrival, that she isn't coming home anymore. Needless to say it was devastating to the whole family and not just the immediate family. They too felt feelings of hurt, anger, and confusion. It's hard to be in a position where you can't do much to help a loved one.

My name is Kasandra Lomax, Hamedah's oldest daughter. I am asking you to grant her clemency request because she is a good woman and deserves to be home with her family. She has spent more than enough of her life in prison.

Sincerely,
Kasandra A. Lomax