

Linda L Switzer

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Hamedah Hasan.

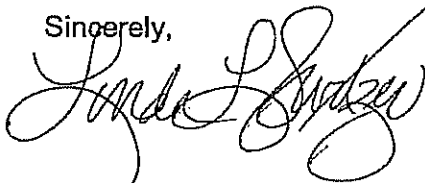
I was fortunate to read an article on the web about the film maker who produced a documentary regarding Hamedah's prolonged and in my opinion unfair incarceration. I began to follow her case and opened a communication directly with Hamedah at that time. I was mind boggled to find that a first time, non violent offender who had educated herself while in prison and who found faith and is a positive role model would still be in jail after 16 years. How is this possible??

I had a best friend who was murdered by her ex-husband in cold blood in front of their 5 year old child. His sentence was 25 years to life and he was out in 9 years. How does the system allow a murderer to only serve 9 years and a non violent accessory in a drug related case still be serving time?

This woman deserves to be with her family. She has a strong faith and a positive work ethic. She does her utmost to mentor and rear her children as best she can from her jail cell. She will be a solid citizen and positive part of any community that she chooses to join. I will count her as a friend and will do whatever I can to assist her in the transition.

Please, please, please give this woman special consideration. It is a travesty of justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda L Switzer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.