

PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS BILL!

This is in response to the bill to be voted on perhaps Tuesday by your committee. The bill is one that affects those prisoners that were under the age of 16 when convicted and given life sentences. It affects me personally, and I feel a vote of NO is necessary to send the proper message and for lifers to remain as such...LIFERS!..

This prisoner did exactly what your committee is trying to relieve their conscience of.

RE: Prisoner Roger Hinton – Premeditated Murder Clemency Request

Clemency for Roger W. Hinton... not on "his" life! In August, 1976, Hinton took from society a quiet and good man that never had a bad word to say of anyone. John Clemons worked hard for every dollar he made and walked almost two miles each way to work to make it. I remember even on rainy evenings he would arrive at Bill Knapp's soaked to the bone with a smile on his face and ready to start his janitorial duties. John was an all around nice guy. So, to allow a self confessed premeditated murderer out of a life sentence after such a heinous crime is a slap in the face of justice. John Clemons did not receive a single moment of compassion while Hinton beat and stabbed him to death, all in the name of greed. John begged for mercy and got none. Now Hinton...sick or not wants to go home. Nonsense! Please place yourself on the floor of your own home, in a pool of your blood, being beaten and stabbed so many times that your life hasn't a chance to flash before your eyes... that is exactly what John Clemons received! Now is the time to ensure that Roger Hinton's life sentence means exactly what it says... to stay in prison until he his life is over!

I have read several inclusions in the Jackson Citizen Patriot newspaper regarding the "change" in Hinton during his incarceration. It's interesting that the "changes" are those only witnessed in letters or visits, as Hinton has not had the opportunity to experience the world as we know it. Therefore, these people are the ones being duped, thus have no way of knowing if Hinton has changed at all. I even read that "put yourself in Hinton's shoes, what would you have done?." What an uneducated statement. However, by leaving Hinton in prison to finish his life term, the people of Michigan will know he cannot cause any harm again. This was the decision of the judge in this case.

So, Mr. Hinton wishes he could go back and have an opportunity to change. It has been decided by scientists that even if such were possible, most would not change a single event.

I, as a friend of John Clemons wish my voice heard as that of John himself. Jackson Prosecuting Attorney Zavislak, Blackman Supervisor Snell, and I have first hand knowledge of this man and/or case. It is totally unreasonable to allow Hinton to return to public contact.

Please disregard any and all attempts to release this prisoner to the general public. He has yet to complete his life sentence for premeditated murder!

Thank you,

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