

My my name is Rolando Ricardo Hernandez. I'm 49 years old, been married for 11 years now. I have five children with six grandchildren and currently I've been incarcerated in the Michigan department of corrections for the past 26 years. I committed a crime at the age of 22 years old while shooting at a house, I accidentally killed a friend. I was committing a crime with a lifelong tragedy. I regret and wish I could change and take it back. Not because I got caught, but because I sincerely have remorse. I'm remorseful for the pain, hurt and damage up cause at night. I can honestly say that I ruined many lives at night. I wish I could do something to change that whole night. I know nothing will bring my victim back. I also took a plea to a sentence of 40 to 80 years for the charge of second-degree murder. a sentence I will have to serve 32 years before I'm eligible for parole. Since then, I have proactively been taken responsibility for the severity of my accident that still resonates within the lives of my victims, family, community, and my own family. I have not just entered present and remain the same individual that entered present 26 years ago, I've actually rehabilitate myself while being in the department of corrections. Of course, no one knows, due to the states justice system, being a indeterminate sentence. It was hard and sometimes impossible to take classes in the Mdoc. However, I didn't allow this to discourage me, but continued forward. Despite any obstacles, I ordered self-help books and utilize my environment with other prisoners with the same ambition to change and learn. I've been began to slowly transform my life. I have written in published three books revealing this transformation. I currently am working on publishing three more books that I have written. I have taken self-help programs to help me change my faulty thinking, I want possessed. Currently, I train dogs inside of this prison in Jackson, which is for the blind, who will eventually assist blind clients and society. I'm also in a process in facilitating a class I created an empathy and compassion class to help other incarcerated men work towards performing themselves. I also help facilitate other programs for self development and have mentor youth and look forward to doing this type of work upon my release. I've taken all my recommended programming except one. Whereas, I can only take within two years of my projected out date. I'm also currently on a approved waiting list for Jackson community college inside prison. I've also had many psychologist, staff and program instructors tell me I'm ready for society. However, they are not in any position in Michigan that has a recommended voice that our system recognizes in this hour, unfortunately, however, but this much needed passing of the second look bill, this would give the state opportunity to assess my incarcerated individuals who are simply not the person who made haste decisions in their past. I have a projected outdate of 2032 as of right now and I have changed my life completely around. I can honestly say I'm now ready to be an asset to my community, no longer liability, making me Stay for more years, simply just taxpayers money. My positive consistency speaks for itself and what type of man I become through self development. However, it's impossible to know this about me and many other incarcerated men inside of prison because no one does an assessment of us locked up who will eventually be returning back to society. So with that, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to have a voice in this hour. Thank you .

My name is Aracely Hernandez and as his spouse I can attest to his commitment to excellence in pursuing all educational opportunities that will further assist him post-incarceration. I am fully aware of his charges & decisions which led him to be incarcerated however I saw him as the man he is now: articulate, intelligent & passionate about advocacy in reform within the Criminal Justice system. He acknowledges his past and present conditions but is determined to make a positive impact in the community. As a prior US Army veteran with 10 years experience, I can attest to recognizing character & quick decision making in someone that is determined to succeed no matter what the obstacles are. I am part of his support system in this regard & am confident that he would accomplish anything he sets his mind to achieve. Thank you for your time!