

May 27, 2010

Barbara S. Sampson, Chair
Office of the Parole & Commutation Board
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RE: Joshua Puckett
MDOC # 250645

Dear Chairperson Barbara S. Sampson:

Hello. My name is Dawn Cicero and I am a very concerned citizen of Michigan. Not only am I a tax-payer who is questioning how the money is being spent, but I am also a human being who cares how others are treated. I am a respiratory therapist and also currently a student at Eastern Michigan University. I am also a community member and a concerned citizen.

Many people make immature mistakes when they are teenagers, but this case has gone too far. He admits his mistake and the fact still remains that he had nothing to do with the death of that little girl. It appears Mike Cox used him to set an example of gang violence and to ultimately forward his own career. This man has suffered long enough for a crime he didn't commit. From my understanding, it appears the only reason he didn't take the plea deal was to fit in with his peers- something we can all relate with. It astounds me that he is still in jail, and that my tax dollars are still helping pay to keep him there when he wasn't even the one who fired the gun! What happened to the shooter? It's clear to me Joshua did not harm anyone and this tragedy should have been stopped long before Mike Cox choice to use Joshua's life for his own political gain.

I ask that my remarks be taken into consideration by the parole board regarding Joshua Puckett's application for release and I thank you Ms. Sampson and members of the Parole and Commutation Board for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

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