

## Letter to Judge to Reduce Sentence

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Dear Honorable Judge Ben

Re: Case Number 2022/00001

Every day, I think about the impact my crime has had on myself and those around me. The consequences have been severe enough that a ten-year sentence seemed like nothing in comparison; however, after serving three years behind bars without parole you are released but still tied down by your criminal past until all eligibility requirements for freedom expire or get cleared through various means such as restoration of citizenship status (which some convicted felons may achieve).

While it felt impossible at times during incarceration due to depression which is why there were moments where even taking up arms against fellow soldiers did not sound appealing – having to deal with the reality that life will never be the same again is what helped me get through each day. The loss of freedom and independence is something that can never be replaced; once it's gone, you realize how much you took it for granted.

I was never a religious person, but I started attending the Catholic services held in the prison chapel because it gave me a sense of peace and calm that I desperately needed. I also found solace in writing poetry as a form of self-expression; it was a way to release all the pent-up anger and pain I was feeling inside.

My crime has changed me in so many ways, but it has also given me a chance to grow as a person. I've learned to be patient and to appreciate the little things in life. I'm grateful for the opportunity to start anew and to make amends for my mistakes. I know that I can never undo the harm I've caused, but I hope to use my experience to help others avoid making the same mistakes I did.

This is why I believe that those who have served their time should be given a second chance. We all make mistakes, but it's what we do afterwards that defines us. I am proof that rehabilitation is possible and that change is possible. No one is beyond hope.

Sincerely,

A Former inmate

[Signature]

[Your Name]