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To whom it may concern,

I am Scott Howards sister, this has been a rough 32 years for all of us. Scott turned himself in when my daughter was 3 months old, she will be 32 in October. We have kept Scott in our family lives through out the years, he has painted fun pictures for them when my kids were young, now those pictures are in they're kids bedrooms.

I have watched the toll this has made on my parents, it is heartbreaking, We all have tried to be positive that Scott would be home by now. I feel this has been so unfair to Scott when the other two involved have been paroled already, one man has been paroled twice! Where is the fairness in that when they got the same sentence as Scott! Scott was nieve when he hooked up with the bikers, they promised the brother hood would be there for ever! When we are young we make decisions in our life that we do not think of any consequences from those decisions. Scott has payed the price for his choices and has tried to make whatever life he has in prison the best he could. He regrets his actions and has payed his dues in prison. I made stupid decisions in my life, I have learned from those and improved upon them. That was 33 years ago, Think about where you were 33 years ago and how much your life has changed. I'm not excusing what happened but know that my brother lives everyday in regret for the choices he has made. Scott deserves the chance to prove that in his remaining life!

As a family unit we have given his daughter and his grandson support and love to help to fill the void from Scott's absence. His daughter was so young when this all happened it has been hard to understand for her. Hard for her to accept. She has suffered emotionally from the loss of her dad. It has been hard for me to watch the years go by without Scott present in our family. My parents have worked hard to help Scott and his daughter and now his grandson with they're lives. My parents grieve everyday that they may not ever see Scott free, they have suffered and mourned through the years. I have watched the toll this has taken on they're lives, financially and emotionally.

Every holiday is incomplete, not only does the prisoner suffer but the family suffers. I know that is part of the prison sentence any one gets is they're family suffers too! As we all have aged and experienced life we have seen many problems in the prison system, too long of sentence, the way most prisoners are treated in the system and there is no rehabilitation in the system. Scott has been involved in many classes to help to be paroled. He has volunteered to make patterns and sew costumes for the Wisconsin museum. He has done work to improve cells for handicapped in the prison in Florida. He learned to work on fixing sewing machines in Wisconsin that no one else knew how to do. That even saved money for the state of Wisconsin!

We have been proud of the work Scott has done over the years, he has worked on proving himself to be trusted and released from prison. Everybody deserves a chance to prove themselves, Scott deserves a chance. Please help us!

Sincerely,
Lone Schmidt