

Madame Chair Moller and Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to review the bills and content presented to you.

All children, regardless of race, geography or familial income level deserve a chance for redemption. An opportunity to become productive members of society.

Sitting in prison for more years than they have been alive is inhumane. Their under developed frontal lobes allowed for poor decision making. Due to Minnesota's archaic juvenile sentencing guidelines, a youthful offender's chance for successful reintegration is improbable. Our youth deserve better.

I write in support of HF 1300.

Allow these juveniles a first look after 15 years, an opportunity to reintegrate and potentially contribute to our state, but most importantly a second chance at life.

Thank you again,

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