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GREETINGS MRS. BUFFALO

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NATIVE PRISONERS IN THE NORTH DAKOTA PRISON. A LOT OF OUR NATIVE WARRIORS ARE INCARCIRATED FOR A LOT OF YEARS OR EITHER GET LIFE FOR THEIR CRIMES THAT SHOULD NOT PERTAIN TO THAT MUCH TIME. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF THE (EIGHTY PERCENT RULE) WILL BE REINTRODUCED TO THE LEGISLATURES AGAIN. MY BROTHER HAS BEEN IN THE BISMARCK PRISON FOR ELEVEN YEARS FOR A CRIME OF ATTEMPTED MURDER WHICH HE DID NOT REMEMBER DOING. HE WAS ON DRUGS & ALCOHOL AT THE TIME HE NEVER USE TO DO DRUGS WHEN HE WAS HOME. MY BROTHER IS FROM FT. THOMPSON, SD AND HE FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL WAS INTO SPORTS & HIS NATIVE CULTURE AS OUR PARENTS REALLY PUSHED OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS ON US. OUR FATHER WAS A TRADITIONAL DANCER AND HAD HIS OWN DRUM GROUP. OUR PARENTS MADE STAR QUILTS & ALL THE FAMILIES DANCING OUTFITS & EVEN DID ALL THE BEADWORK.

WE WERE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH SPECIAL PARENTS THAT REALLY LOVED & WERE THERE FOR US. ESPECIALLY TEACHING US OUR TRADITIONAL VALUES. MY BROTHER IS A HARD WORKER SINCE HE GRADUATED FROM SCHOOL HE WAS ALWAYS WORKING AND HELPING PEOPLE THAT NEEDED HIS HELP HE NEVER TURNED ANYONE AWAY. HE IS A BIG MAN WITH A BIG HEART AND A BIG SMILE, HE WAS OUR DAD'S PRIDE & JOY AND OUR MOM'S AS HE WAS THE ONLY SON. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT MY BROTHER DID ENOUGH TIME FOR HIS CRIME AS IT WAS A RACIAL THING THAT SHOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED. WE PRAY FOR THE VICTIM AS HE IS THE ONE THAT NEEDS SPECIAL PRAYERS MAYBE SOMEDAY HE WILL RECEIVE THEM AS TUKUNSILA FORGIVES EVERYONE WE JUST HAVE TO ASK. MY BROTHER HAS NEVER HURT ANYONE OR HAS HE NEVER DONE ANYTHING IN HIS LIFE LIKE THIS BEFORE AS IT WAS NOT MY BROTHER IT WAS THE ALCOHOL & DRUGS THAT CAUSED MY BROTHER TO BE WHERE HE DOES NOT DESERVE TO BE. WE NO LONGER HAVE OUR PARENTS WITH US AND WE NEED OUR BROTHER HOME WITH US. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST IF THIS BILL CAN BE PRESENTED AGAIN AND IF YOU & THE OTHERS CAN VOTE 'YES' SO OUR BROTHER CAN COME HOME TO US. WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN THIS MATTER AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

THANK YOU

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