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Dear Judge Geathers,

I am writing to you
today seeking clarification of the Omnibus Crime
Reduction and Sentencing Reform Act of 2010.

I recently discovered your ruling in the case of
Michael Heath Belin v. South Carolina Department of
Corrections, which was decided on February 24, 2016,
(Appellate Case No. 2014-000461) (Opinion No. 5361)


Your ruling was that the (B5) Eighty-five percent
requirement of section SC Code 24-13-150 does not
apply to Possession With Intent to Distribute nor to
Conspiracy to Manufacture. However, I haven't seen a
ruling on Trafficking even though Trafficking is mentioned
in the Omnibus Crime Reduction and Sentencing Reform Act of 2010.

Trafficking hasn't been clarified and therefore being continuously treated as a Violent, (85) Eighty-Five percent, Non-Paralable offense. Being that one who manufactures or makes the drugs would be treated as Non-Violent and eligible for parole; certainly the person that possesses (Trafficking) the drugs that the manufacture produced would also be non-violent and thus eligible for parole.

Your Honor, I look forward to receiving your and South Carolina's reasoning in this matter. It is my prayer that South Carolina would remove Mandatory Minimums, grant Parole Eligibility, allow work credits and good time credits and education credits, and make eligible for supervised furlough.

A study committee to review South Carolina's drug laws should be created. Taking a look at the cases that the Drug Enforcement Agency has prosecuted, it should be noted that the DEA goes after the large scale drugs - however, those convicted get less time than the low-level offenders that are convicted and placed in South Carolina's Department of Corrections.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards,

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