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To: Timothy Muise, The Lifer's Group, MCI- Norfolk
From: Jeremy Young, Producer, Al Jazeera English television

Greetings Timothy,

Thank you so much for your enthusiastic letter last week, I really enjoyed receiving it and have tacked it up on my wall behind my desk.

Unfortunately the Massachusetts Department of Corrections has denied my request to travel to Norfolk and interview you and the Norfolk Lifer's Group. They said that "you are not the appropriate group to speak to about the issue of aging prison populations."

Well I happen to disagree, and I know that you do too. I think your group would make for a great story about the issues that exist when incarcerating older inmates. And I won't give up right yet. I have contacted a dozen different people ranging from politicians to former corrections officials to try and get some answers as to why they will not let me in to film our story.

I don't think at this time I will be able to travel up to meet with the group, let's wait and see what I can learn by making some more inquiries. Stay tuned...and I am sorry that I don't have better news for you at this time. If you have any further suggestions for me please let me know.

Regards,

- Jeremy

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