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In the effort to bring attention to the criminal justice system. This country is the worlds leader in incarceration, that one in three young men is under the control of the criminal justice system. That five million Americans can't vote because of felony convictions, and that thousands of women and children have lost welfare, education, and housing benefits as the result of convictions for minor drug offenses. Most incarcerated women are not a danger to society. Women often suffer excessively harsh consequences for crimes due to mandatory sentencing. Majority of women commit crimes of survival. Women also tend to benefit less from plea-bargaining because they can't afford a lawyer, or are reluctant to testify against male partners they fear. Even women convicted of murder have often killed in self-defense against a battering partner, yet not been allowed to plead self-defense. Justice should remove the bandages from her eyes long enough to

distinguish between the vicious, and the unfortunate^①. A woman becomes the victim of domestic violence every 15 seconds in the U.S.^②

Let's not forget: the U.S. puts a greater proportion of its citizens in prison than any other nation on earth. We must work against this Prison Industrial Complex that benefits only corporations building and running prisons for profit. Obviously, knowing such facts is a first step to action.

Please don't forget me; I am a daughter, a mother, a sister, a grandmother even now. I fought for my life, all I wanted to do was take in enough breath to live, He was strangling me. I only wanted him to stop hurting me, I hit him once 7 inches above ^{his} right nipple w/ part of a knife, I got off the garage floor. He bled to death in under 10 mins, Due to the high levels of ethanol and amphetamine in his system. The state of Texas sent me to prison for 20 years. Because I didn't want to die, what would you have done? I was trying to leave him. This occurred 12-25-08

He refused to let me go. He said "we are both going to die today, you first though!"

Do you hear me? Are you listening?

It only takes one step in the right direction, for the right reason. To make things Right!!

①. US Dept of Justice Statistics, Bureau Division
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs>

② Schneider E.M. Battered Women and Lawmaking
New Haven CT: Yale University Press.