

## Parole For Lifers/ HB135 and SR942

Hi, if you are reading this you must be interested in parole for lifers legislation in Pennsylvania. I'm here to discuss that, but before I start, I ask you this, as a reader, your opinion matters to me. So many great people have written me over the years and I've learned alot. First I want to mention 4 lifers who recently were deemed worthy of going home.

Tina Brosuis, mother, friend, former lifer, Tina is now home and living a good life with her family. We're very proud of you.

Next are George Trudel, Adolfo Carrillo and Samuel Parlow, all 3 were given the gift of freedom by Lt. Gov. John Fetterman on March 14, 2019. I only know Georges story and this was a man who didn't deserve to serve 1 single day in prison, yet he rotted here for 31 years. These 3 men will be home with their loved ones this year. George and Samuel didn't kill anyone. There are alot of people in Pa prisons who are in those same shoes, including women lifers. So we are hoping that Lt. Gov. Fetterman and the Democratic politicians can help fix the commutation process. Pa changed the process in 1997 due to a juvenile lifer, Reginald McFadden, being released in about 1994, who went to New York and killed a woman. But in defense of that, McFadden was only released by Lt. Gov. Mark Singel because he was a snitch who helped bring down all of the ring leaders of the camp hill riots in the early 1990's. The legislature became afraid and changed the process but no one was aware that the only reason McFadden was released is because he was a jailhouse informant.

Let me get back on topic though. Parole for lifers, Sen. Sharif Street is amending his bill to change it to anyone convicted of 1st degree murder must serve a minimum of 35 years, 2nd degree murder would be a minimum of 25 years. Do we believe in 2nd chances? Do we believe in redemption? Do we believe that a human being can change? In a recent discussion that I had with a Catholic Bishop I was asked what does it take to change the essence of a man (funny because this is not the 2st time I have been asked this), I responded: TIME. Anyone can change if given the time to do it. But let me use myself for example. I killed my landlord, I did not plan this as the police said nor did I want it to happen, but despite that, IT DID HAPPEN. No matter how much I change, no matter how much good I do, Ron Updegrave cannot come back to be with his family & friends. No matter how sorry I am, no matter how remorseful I am, I took his life but I ask for mine to be returned to me. I know the good I can do, I have done so much from within here. I can easily do the 35 years that Sen. Streets bill proposes, I'd be 56 and I would have a good 20 years, I hope, to lead a productive and positive life. Helping to raise my grand kids, watch my daughter grow even more. We cannot say killers can't change. I know for a fact they do. My friend Bobby Harris, convicted

of murder as a teenager, now he is free and has been a powerful force of change in Philadelphia. I know quite a few juvenile lifers who killed 1 or more people and they are free now and they are amazing citizens in society now. Nothing we do can ever bring our victims back, we can never repay anyone for the debt we owe but you tell me, what do you think? Should everyone condemned to life in prison, or death by incarceration, remain in here for 50-60 years until they die? Does their change and good deeds even matter? I am interested in hearing from you on this. If you are a supporter or if you feel that lifers deserve a 2nd chance, please email Sen. Sharif Street and let him know. Email: sharif.street@pasenate.com, or call his office, 215-227-6161. Take care and I look forward to hearing from you.

If things don't change, I, as well as over 5,000 other men and women will die in here. I don't think thats justice. More like revenge to me.

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