

Reduce Recidivism “No More Victims”

March 3, 2010

Honorable Constance A. “Connie” Howard
Illinois State Representative, 34th District
Judiciary II Committee Chairperson
8729 South State
Chicago, IL 60619

Dear Representative Howard:

As you are aware, Waukegan, Illinois in Lake County has an active 501(c) 3 organization called the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism “No More Victims”. You gracefully honored the Coalition’s request to speak at our Annual Luncheon approximately 2 years ago. Congressman Danny K. Davis is an honorary member and State Representative Eddie Washington is a founder.

The mission of the Coalition is to reduce recidivism by assisting ex-offenders with employment and housing opportunities. Due to the Coalition’s partnership with Waukegan Township’s Re-Claim, Re-Connect, Re-Enter program, we have assisted 368 ex-offenders with gainful employment in the last three years.

Denise Rotheimer has been a member of the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism since 2008 and has also served as chairman of the Staben House Advisory Board, a transitional housing facility for homeless women with children.

Ms. Rotheimer introduced the concept of Jazmine’s Law to the Coalition membership. After her stirring presentation to the membership, we felt moved to add the phrase “No More Victims’ to our name in order to bring emphasis to the plight of not only the ex-offender but the victim as well. Ms. Rotheimer has been an advocate for victims that have suffered from child rapists and we support her mission. Her passion and determination for the protection of children presents a balance towards our endeavors.

More often times than not, abused children become abusers themselves. I believe Denise is sincerely committed to breaking the cycle. Thus, we can make a bonafide difference regarding the reduction of recidivism in our community, while keeping in mind the safety of our children.



Honorary Chairman
Congressman Danny K. Davis

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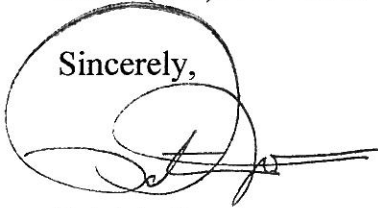
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A felony conviction does not have to be a life sentence.
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It is our hope that you take this letter into consideration as you make your decision in regards to Jasmine's Law. If you have any questions please, don't hesitate to contact me at (847) 244-4900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Patricia Jones', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Patricia Jones
Coalition Board Chair

CC: Sherry Murray, Coalition President
State Representative Eddie Washington, 60th District