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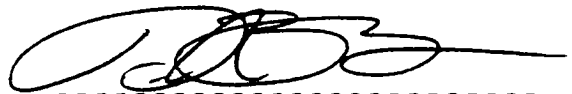
My son, a first time offender who was 19 years old at the time of his arrest, is now in Sheridan Federal Correctional Institution and is about to turn 22. He has 8.5 years remaining on his sentence. He was convicted of possessing LSD.

The LSD was on blotter paper, resulting in a sentence 8 years longer than would have been given for having the same number of doses in crystal form. Had the drug been on sugar cubes the sentence would have been twice as long again.

Imposing different lengths of sentences to different first time offenders for possessing the same number of doses of LSD is clearly not in keeping with the precepts of our judicial system.

Because mandatory minimum sentences have removed the judges ability to recognize and rectify inequities in sentencing, my son and many like him, are receiving unfair, unjust and disparate sentences in which the punishment does not fit the crime.

I beg you to correct this situation by supporting proposal #50.



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