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Re: Proposed Amendment to C.G.S. 53a-35b

Dear Members of Judiciary Committee,
I'm writing to submit my public comment on the issues before you at the public hearing on November 27, 2007.

My name is Edward Falby, I am presently incarcerated at Osborn Correctional Institution; I would love the privilege of standing before you to give my comments, however, I'm privileged to submit them in writing.

The issue of my concern regards a proposal to amend C.G.S. 53a-35b, to allow it to apply to those of us whose crimes occurred prior to its adoption. Prior to July 1, 1981 anyone receiving an indeterminate sentence received a sentence with a numerically defined minimum and maximum. The sole exception to a sentence with a numerically defined minimum and maximum, under the indeterminate sentencing scheme, was the indeterminate life sentence.

An amendment to the current C.G.S. 53a-35b, by adding a sub-section that would allow the maximum term of an indeterminate life sentence to be defined as SIXTY YEARS, would subject a person serving such a sentence to essentially the same sanction as persons who received life sentences in this state since July 1, 1981.

I pray my comments on this proposal will be considered sincerely by this committee. I did commit a crime which I deserved to be severely punished for. I believe spending my life in prison since June 16, 1978, when I was eighteen years old, is the fair restitution required by law. Remaining in prison for the remainder of my natural life without the possibility of release is not the Plea Agreement I entered into with the state those many years ago. Therefore, I pray you will support an amendment to C.G.S. 53a-35b that allows it to be applied to crimes committed prior to July 1, 1981. TRULY,
Edward Falby