

Dear Ms. Kay,

I hope you keep on inspiring the passion to "break the cycle," in others as you did to me. This was written with your vision and your beautiful and loving spirit in mind. I am honored by your graciousness.

Peace

-Godfre Berny

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The importance of human life has slowly grown throughout history, from the founding of the Magna Carta to the Constitution. And the rights of men to life, liberty, justice and the pursuit of happiness has resonated through governments and societies throughout the world. We have fallen from those days of social righteousness and today the country which founded freedom is unwilling to support those that seek a second chance in a free society. This FREE country has the most incarcerated people in the entire world.

The bipartisan Commission of Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons reported "67 percent of former prisoners are rearrested and 52 percent are re-incarcerated, a recidivism rate that calls into question the effectiveness of America's corrections system, which costs taxpayers \$60 billion a year."

This can be changed.

Constitutionally the divine rights of men are bared to all people however they can be taken though the due process of law, and we as a people have presently and historically" used this conscription to punish , degrade and anger people lost through the cracks of society. It our right to restore not restrict, praise not denigrate, and light the way for men to once again bring the mantel of freedom to America. For the call for freedom is "no longer far away and foreign but close at hand and local." In Tarrant County the recidivism rate is more than 80 percent after the first 5 years. It is a standard not even held to children and its failure comes from the powerful but dangerous motivation of fear, when it is the power of acceptance and understanding which will bring confidence and motivation to the previously incarcerated person... As John F. Kennedy once said it is the power of the freedom of the press, the only institution which is specifically protected by the constitution, not to simply "give the public what it wants-- but to inform, to arouse, to reflect, to state our dangers and our opportunities, to indicate our crises and our choices, to lead, mold, educate and sometimes even anger public opinion." And it is the power of the press, of advertisement and the freedom of speech which the C5 Youth Foundation proposes to tap to change the lives of those who do not have the tools to do it themselves. To give a voice to those that have been shunned by society and touch the heart of the community... that which we look for strength and assistance. "Confident that with your help man will be what he was born to be: free and independent." -JFK

("Realism" is a ploy to keep the minds of men trapped in the perceptions and faults of the present for what is real and possible is constantly growing and changing through time.)

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