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Dear Judge Justice,

In my opinion you are a man who does what he thinks is right and in accordance with the law. I also believe that you make a lot of decisions which you feel are right that you know will not be popular decisions. I have always admired you for this and have defended your name in several discussions.

However, I have began to notice more and more ~~of~~ articles, like the one enclosed, in newspapers and it makes me wonder if some of these things would not have happened if not for the early release or failure to incarcerate people who should be in prison but are free due to the prison reforms which you mandated for the State of Texas.



Please understand that I am aware of problems in our prison system and I realize that the people in prisons are humans and should be treated as such. But that still doesn't make me understand an article like the one enclosed. This guy deserves to be punished to the maximum extent of the law, and should not have been on the streets with society when this crime occurred.

This 15 year old girl is dead and so is a 3 year old boy who are guilty of nothing, yet the man who committed this crime will probably live another 10 or 15 years or a normal life span if he is not sentenced to death.

I also understand that you also want people like him, the man who committed this crime, punished. But if the state of Texas can't comply quickly enough with your mandates, which they have failed to do, and people are released early, or given probation to help ease the overcrowding in prisons, who is actually being punished for crime? I believe innocent people like the girl and boy



in this article are paying the price for crime, not the criminals, nor the government, nor the judges, but a 15 year old girl and a 3 year old boy who are guilty of living in a country where the human rights issue has, in my opinion, been exploited to the maximum. This boy and girl are dead! Permanent! Final!

It is time for someone to take an interest in the innocent, protect them, deal with criminals as criminals, stop some of the legal technicalities and get these people in court and in prison.

I think prisons should be humane, but not retirement homes. If they are places to incarcerate criminals but are more desirable than a lot of the criminals' homes and home life, where is the deterrent to commit a crime?

If you have read this far, thank you for your time. This article upset me and I wanted to tell someone how I felt.

Sincerely,

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