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Mr. Matthew Kanai
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Dear Mr. Kanai,

My name is Sylvester J. Lawson II, and I am an inmate at the London Correctional Institution. I was the primary, inmate speaker at the 2013 presentation when yourself and the Attorney General visited the Horizon Program's computer lab.

Prior to that day, my understanding of a prosecutor was that his or her sole purpose is to send the convicted to prison. My understanding of the Attorney General is that he is the chief of keeping the convicted incarcerated; therefore, he is the number one enemy to the accused.

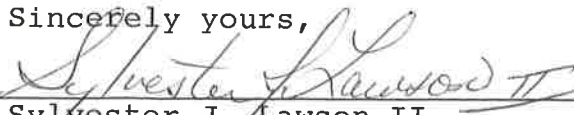
Since my incarceration, I have to view people and situations as they are, as opposed to viewing them how others suggest that I view them: this is the influenced state of narrow minded observation that has hindered me throughout my existence.

When Mr. DeWine donated the finances to get our computer lab operational and then visited to ensure its' proper usage, I did not see a man who was consumed with the "lock them up and throw away the key" ideology. Instead, I saw a man who was active in ensuring that the convicted were provided with useful tools that will aid in character reformation. I saw a man who was concerned with renewing the minds of the incarcerated with the understanding that they will one day be released back into Ohio's society.

My new understanding is that prosecutors have a duty to protect. What a better way of protecting the general public than by producing rehabilitated minds before reintergrating them back into the streets of this great state. Sir, I did not see an enemy. I saw an open-minded leader who believes in possibilities when others may see no hope.

Please thank Mr. DeWine for changing my perspective.

Sincerely yours,



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