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President Obama
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President Obama,

RE: David Banks, inmate #36319-013

Words fail to adequately describe what many people, myself included, would view as indescribable. Words cannot be written or said which would fully begin to put into perspective the nightmare which is my reality. I sit in my room comfortable as I write this letter, knowing that my father is some fifty plus miles away sitting on a bed of steel. I was raised to believe that if you don't break the law and you don't commit a crime then ***you will not go to prison***. This couldn't be further from the truth. My father learned this firsthand at age 44. I learned this hard lesson from viewing my father's wrongful incarceration. I feel like age 44 is far too old to learn that everything you believe and raised your child to believe about our justice system is simply untrue. I'm a criminal justice major. I've only ever wanted to be a lawyer since I was ten years old. I've worked diligently to meet that end. Now I find myself questioning everything that I have ever believed about our justice system. It's not just that my father was wrongly convicted and incarcerated for a crime he didn't commit, but that our system which is supposed to be just refuses to right this unbelievable wrong. I honestly don't know if I'm willing to align myself with such a system that refuses to remedy itself when a wrong occurs. How can I trust in a system that is powerful enough to remove a person from their liberty even when no crime was committed? If I had the power to free a man or woman imprisoned for a crime they didn't commit I wouldn't be able to sleep at night if I sat by and did nothing. President Obama, quite honestly, I'm tired, fed up, and flat out pissed off that my father is rotting in prison for crimes he did not commit. Before you leave office please grant my father, David Banks inmate #36319-013 clemency.

Exercising the utmost frustration,

Kea Banks