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Dear Samantha M. Kovacevic,

My name is [REDACTED], an inmate at Marion Correctional Institution. I met Mr. Kevin Keith sometime in 2019. We were attending Red Cross' American Sign Language Class. I found him to be a honest and Godly man. He would always welcome inmates with a smile and the words, "God bless," and end the class with a prayer.

Then in 2021 my mother had heart surgery and I took it hard. I turned to drugs and begun spiraling out of control. Things got extremely worst for my mother. She had to be taken off life support. I was allowed to say my last peace over live video, were I promise to change my life. Kevin Keith help me with that process. He got me into Boyhood 2 Manhood, were he taught me that, I was wearing a mask hiding my true self. He showed me how I was trying to be, what I thought others wanted me to be, instead of being me. Kevin Keith set me on the path of success were I completed several more classes and I been drug free for over a year.

Now I'm focusing on what I love, writing novels and screenplays. If it wasn't for Mr. Keith, I don't know where I would be. Kevin isn't just an auspicious gentlemen but he also mold amiable men as well. He's a teacher, a role model, and a beacon for change. Denying him a chance is like refusing the sun to shine, negating plants of nutriment. When you have a basket of rotten apples you'll assume the bunch are worthless and wash your hands of them. But sometimes deep down, under the filth, there's a red shiny, crispy apple. Ready for the picking. Mr. Kevin Keith is that apple.

Sincerely, an grateful pupil

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