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Governor Evers
And transition team

RE: Sentence commutation for Kamau Damali
(Raynell Morgan #279380, CCI)

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Hello,

Congratulations on your successful bid to become our state's leader. You give many of us new hope.

I am writing on behalf of a long suffering inmate in the Wisconsin Correctional System. He was incarcerated as a juvenile and has served 25 years, 14 of which were in solitary. I started visiting this man (by tv)while he was in the then Supermax and watched with alarm as he became more desperate, feeling insects crawling on him and hearing what he called "snap crackle pop" in his head. He washed himself so many times each day he bled. I did my usual advocacy- calling , writing , but there was nothing done for years.

I cannot describe the torture this man has been through- the care since he left the supermax has been uneven – he has been called a malingerer and has had all meds abruptly stopped . but he has also had bouts of good care. In the end his symptoms do not let up and he has learned to concentrate on language learning and studying- this gives him a sense of purpose and takes his mind of the sounds in his head and crawling feelings at least part of the time. He hears voices in his head now, though, which brings new anxieties.

He also gets sick when he eats prison food- and he is sure they are trying to poison him. He only eats food he buys food from canteen. While at WRC they wrapped his food in foil and sent it straight from kitchen and that he could eat, however the DOC will not do this for him. So it is always a struggle for him to get enough money to buy on canteen and there is little healthy food there to purchase.

Enclosed is his letter to you with his story and essays he has written. He asks and I ask that his sentence be commuted and that he be released from prison. His family and friends are also intending to write. He is not the uncaring , violent, confused boy he was 25 years ago- he is caring , wise and much suffering. He needs his family and the sunshine .

Please read his story and essays and commute his sentence to time served. You can do so much for this man.

Yours Sincerely, Peg Swan

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