



JAIDA & ANTHONY

Dear Governor Newsom,

Hi, my name is Jaida Lorde and today is my 17th birthday. More than anything, I want my dad home. He went in as a youth offender and is currently at CDCR with a sentence of 7 years to life. He's been locked up for 20 years and its past time for him to come home. Although we don't share the same blood, he's been the closest thing that me and my siblings has ever considered a father. He has stepped up as our dad in more ways than any other man has. He has proven how much he has completely turned his life around and he is ready to come home to his loving and supporting family. He is 40 years old and has been locked up half his life. My siblings and I never get gifts/cards from the person who's supposed to be our dad. I've seen him once in the past 12 years and I can count on one hand how many times he's called us. That being said, Anthony has sent more cards and shown us more love from prison than our "dad" ever has. We love getting cards and phone calls from him but what would be even better is getting to wake up Christmas morning with him in our home watching us unwrap gifts. I know I'm just a 17 year old and you're getting tons of letters like this and I know that I'm probably not doing a good job just through a letter to show you how good of a person he is and how much he means to us but I guarantee that if you were to get him home he would never go back.

Sincerely,

Jaida Lorde