

From the desk
of Rep. Jeff
Barker



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Dear Legislator:

My name is Cherie. This past May 22nd my life and my 9-year old son's life were turned upside down. I was the victim of a gang shooting and my son and I were both shot multiple times. I was very lucky and not seriously injured. My son was shot at least ten times and critically injured. He has been in the hospital since then. He has already had many surgeries and will need to have more. God saved him and he is doing so much better. He is such a strong boy and will never give up. I get so much strength from him.

One of the men involved in this nightmare was out of prison on a program called Short-Term Transitional Leave. He is a very violent person and should never have been out of prison early.

I've been told the legislature might expand this program. That is unacceptable. You should be doing just the opposite – shutting this program down until you can figure out why violent, dangerous gang members like Nakiem Brown are being released early. On May 22nd he should never have been near me or my son. He should have been in prison.

Do not vote yes on HB 3078. Do not let violent criminals out of prison early. Do not let them hurt anymore innocent children.

Sincerely,

Cherie Thompson
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