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I feel parole would not only be beneficial for the women and men here at my facility but it would specifically benefit me. My name is Tia Ludwick, I am 30 years old and I am currently incarcerated at MCC. During my incarceration I have done murals, work full time at the industries program for the past year, been helpful to my peers. I am also a fulltime college student, and I also meet with various groups through the prison to talk about being incarcerated. I have interacted with multiple tour groups and have worked very hard to better myself. Parole would ultimately be life changing for me, my grandmother is elderly and I would really like the chance to go home and take care of her with my grandfather passing in the past year. I am away from my fiancé, my mom, stepdad and brother, and have missed all of my cousins and nieces growing up. I am currently half way through my 17 year sentence and have always maintained I need to serve a penance for a tragedy that happened. Parole would allow me to truly atone karmatically for a mistake. I fully believe that I would be better to pay my debt to society as a functioning member of the community, one who pays taxes and can use their art to teach at risk young adults how to use creativity to take a different path. The DOC has helped me develop this skill of using art to heal, and I would relish the opportunity to share it with the world.