Member of the parole board
my name is Jerome Myre and I
am a victim of child abuse at
the hands of Bernard Cloutier. For
the short time that Bernard has
been institutionalized I have been
kept current with his daily activities
and programs that he’s been
attending and I must admit I
am surprised and confused at one
program in particular that he
attended and that was the sex
offenders program from November
05/2011 to November 17/2011. So
my knowledge all participation
in these programs is voluntary, so
the question I have been asking
myself as why would someone who
devotes sexually abusing little boys
take such a program? Unfortunately
Bernard is the only one who knows
the answer to that question. I
would however like to point out
that when interviewed by my
lawyer here in the institution
Bernard did admit to serving
us alcohol so perhaps he should
have considered taking a smart
serve instead.
As a victim of child abuse I have had to deal with many negative emotions such as anxiety, depression and anger as a result I currently take medication and see a counselor on a regular basis in order to try and cope. It is extremely hard to heal when all you seem to see and hear on the news these days is ongoing incidents of child sexual abuse and pornography. If we reduce sentences and give early releases we're showing offenders like Bernard Boutier that what they are doing is being tolerated and that is simply unacceptable. I know we're not here to change any laws or debate them but we are here to consider the early release of a man who impacted my life in a very negative way. I have spent 43 years in Bernard's prison with no hope of ever being released so for him to serve his full 5 year sentence is a small price to pay for the lives he has ruined.
My memories of the abuse are clear, explicit and occurring but I hope that they will serve as a reminder that we need to protect our children and leave offenders like Bernard Clotier serve full term sentences and show people that this kind of behaviour will not be tolerated!

The children are the future so let's not leave abuse alter their life course and leave any questions or doubts as to who for what they will become.