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1. My name is M.M. and I am twelve years old. I'll turn thirteen in July.
2. My dad is named Clayton Bills. I haven't seen my dad in almost five months because he is at the St. Clair County Jail. My dad is a very nice person and he loves me very much. He cries a lot because he misses me and I wish I could see him and make him happy. Making him happy makes me happy.
3. When we can be together in person, my dad is always making funny jokes and singing even though he's not a good singer. I love being around him.
4. I was diagnosed with ADD in June 2022, just before 6th grade, but I don't like medication because it would affect me badly so I don't take it. This means it's hard for me to sit still in general. I move from one thing to another a lot. I keep really busy. My mom lets me do a lot of activities and make independent decisions about how I spend time as long as I have good grades, which I have.
5. When my dad was arrested we all worried about him so much. I know he was going through a lot. It was hard not being able to be there for each other. It would be really great if we got to see how he is doing now and if he is healthy. It made all of us feel

really unsure about what was going to happen to us as a family.

6. I send my dad ^{emails} ~~messages~~ even though it costs my Grandma money. It's also hard to say so much on email, expressing how you're feeling. It's better to see him in person and talk to him about my emotions more. Online, you can't really tell how you feel, can't really tell what someone sounds like not how they actually feel. like. You could be like "I'm happy" but you're actually sad.

7. I need to see my dad in-person. If I could visit my dad, I would give him a big hug.

8. I know this is happening to a lot of other kids and parents. I've talked to my lawyers about what it means to be involved in a class action. I want to be a part of this case so I can help other kids like me ~~see~~ be able to see their parents and help parents like my dad be able to see their kids.

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