Fellow StoneCatchers, it has been beyond our wildest dreams what the The StoneCatchers Chronicle has been able to accomplish in just over a year's time. The messages and sentiments shared -- foreign to many readers prior to the publication's existence -- have been read and contemplated by thousands of readers. This platform has been embraced by a network of compassionate individuals and organizations whom have realized the very real, very ripe for change environment currently at play within our criminal justice system. The Chronicle, undoubtedly, served the original purpose we hoped it would from the outset of this endeavor: to garner attention to, conversation about, and advocacy for common sense approaches to the criminal justice system. Moreover, this publication has created a medium now recognized and equipped with the credibility, focus, and passion needed to directly enact real change, by all of us, The StoneCatchers Society.

Born from inquisitive conversation, this organic endeavor has grown far quicker than we ever envisioned. So transient has this journey been, that constant adjustment has been needed simply to maintain the appropriate momentum. And with our organization's swift maturation, we realize the current moment is the perfect time to solidify our role in being The StoneCatchers we strive to be. With the foundation set, set in stone; we will now fully invest in practicing the premise of our organization's pillars. But to best utilize The StoneCatchers Society -- the society we've built together -- and to fully activate the entirety of our invaluable resources, we will be diverting some of our time commitments from The Chronicle to a more centralized focus on our overall efforts and initiatives.

This is not to say we will no longer be producing the content so many have become educated, engaged, and inspired by. We will. We will produce content based in accordance with our organization's three pillars --- Prevent, Promote, and Protect. Future content will include but not be limited to: syndicated articles, letter campaigns, think tank essays, and an Annual StoneCatchers Newsletter. The phase-two approach to our writing projects will ensure our efforts and energies are concerted in ways which best optimize our teams' resources while providing the meaningful impacts The StoneCatchers Society symbolizes.

So, please, join me, join us, The StoneCatchers Society, in furthering our pursuits to Prevent unnecessary incarceration, Promote wellness opportunities, and Protect the rights of the accused & convicted. We understand these necessary efforts to press against seemingly unmovable boulders will be challenging at times, but with great perseverance will come great results. Let it not be lost that we are all susceptible to having stones thrown our direction and, likewise, we are equally as capable of being StoneCatchers for our fellow human beings.

- Tony J. Kenkel, Chief Editor