

YOUR NAME
CONTACT INFORMATION

Date:

RE: John Doe A12345

(Dear) Commissioners:

I am writing in support of parole for _____ # _____. John is my (husband, fiancé, brother, son, etc.) and is an important member of our family. (I have known John for _____ years and have always considered him a friend. I came to know John through (describe how you met)

I have seen John grow in his understanding of his life and circumstances in the years of his incarceration and believe he has made great progress in confronting his past bad decisions and actions and is now able and anxious to live a productive and giving life. His commitment to his new outlook is shown in his participation in the self-help programs while in prison and his changed outlook on decision making.

Though he has been in prison for many years we have stayed in contact by (visits, letters, phone calls, whatever applies [do NOT say via cell phone]). Through this contact I have seen his understanding of the results of his past actions deepen and his emotional growth and maturity have increased.

I am able to offer support and assistance in (finding employment, housing, financial support [say how much, for how long and for what purpose] help with transportation, participating in on-going rehabilitative efforts such as AA) as well as the emotional help and support of a friend. (if you are related and the prisoner can be added to your insurance, say so).

I believe John is ready to become a productive citizen and has the tools to do so. I would be happy to welcome him into my home and community. I hope you will consider the many positive changes in John Smith and grant him a parole date, so that he can rejoin his (family or community) and be a positive asset.

Sincerely,

Type and sign your name

(Letters will not be considered valid without a signature and recent (9 months or less) date)