

Sunday, February [REDACTED]

Board of Parole Hearings
P.O. Box 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to support the decision to release [REDACTED] at his parole hearing in [REDACTED]. I believe he is no longer a danger to society, and that he has rehabilitated himself to deserve the opportunity to live outside of prison walls.

I am one of the leaders of a 12-Step group called "[REDACTED]". We meet in [REDACTED], CA on Mondays at 7:30 PM. I have been corresponding with [REDACTED], and his every letter has expressed his desire to take responsibility for his mistakes and to improve his emotional well-being by going to meetings and working the principles of the 12-Step program. His words show his kindness, gratitude, and acceptance of his situation. I understand that the Board called [REDACTED] "emotionless" in 2008. I strongly disagree with this. He often writes about his appreciation for his wife and children, and his struggles with accepting his situation and looking for the good in the life lessons that his situation presents.

When he is released, I would serve as one of his 12-Step sponsors. It will surely be an adjustment to adapt to life outside prison walls, and as a sponsor, I will be available on a daily basis for him to check in with and to help him cope with the changes. 12-Step sponsors can offer much encouragement and emotional support.

In lieu of the budget cuts and the significant released amount of prisoners, I strongly believe that [REDACTED] be granted a release. Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions:

Sincerely,

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