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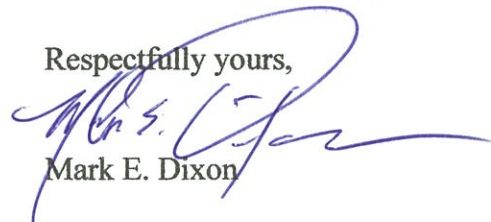
I am writing your office in reference to the reference to the steps that have been taken in parole reform. I was pleased to read that parole will be giving detailed reasons for denying people with low-risk assessments by COMPAS. At the least, this will afford a person the opportunity to bring about curative measures for their next parole date. This new method is a great start.

In time, I ask that you will please consider the COMPAS assessments with heightened respect, because these are the monitoring mechanisms activated by the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision(DOCCS). COMPAS's primary purposes are to make sure every person in DOCCS take the mandatory programs to address their needs, monitor their disciplinary records, and document any extracurricular achievements. These are the components that afford people guidelines for their incarceration. Fulfilling these directions without any major catastrophe, compounded on top of the extracurricular achievements, coupled with remorse for the victim, one would expect to be released.

What these guidelines do is give everyone a finish line to comprehend. All parties will have a time to grieve. The neighborhoods that formerly incarcerated people return to are owed a person returning with a psyche that is not so battered and hopeless.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully yours,



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