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Attn.: Jack Beck
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Re: New York State Board Of Parole Proposed Changes:

Dear Mr. Beck,

I am writing you with my comments concerning the proposed changes to the New York State Board of Parole. I truly believe an overhaul is long due. When the Compass Assessment came into practice, I truly believed I would be a serious candidate for parole. However, the usual language of the 'seriousness of the offense' and the 'nature of the crime', both factors that were taken into consideration when I was sentenced, don't seem to be hurdles I can overcome with the Parole Board. Thus these new changes, if adapted, should bring my hopes of being released closer to the goal. I don't have any recent disciplinary action that they can consider. They turn toward my past - not criminal history; the nature of the offense - which will never change, when requiring me to reappear. I do everything I am asked, I scored quality numbers on my Compass Assessment, but it seems like nothing gets by their pretextual statements.

Proposed Changes:

I was hit four (4) times. My last hit was for eighteen (18) months. I go back before them in October of 2017. I have gone seven years beyond my Sentence. I will have a total of 32 years by that time.

- The arbitrary and inconsistent manner in which parole has been denied - I feel the changes will bring more consistency to this area. However, it can still go either way - that is, more releases or more denials.
- Basing the Borad's decisions on evidence based regulations. - I feel this will once again, provide more consistency for either release or denial. It comes down to the individual commissioner's, and their outlooks. When they feel like going awry of the law, the only repercussion is file suit, in which they are immune from.
- Decisions rooted in retribution and extreme indefinite punishment - I truly believe this as a victim of these

very same circumstances. Nothing more than my conviction of this crime is being considered. The nature of my offense, and the severity of my crime were taken into consideration when I was sentenced. Yet, The Parole Board Members in several decisions, continue to point toward these factors when hitting me.

- Board decisions must be based upon the current factors of the person in front of them - Having the regulations fully reflect the person(s) institutional record, goals and achievements, Compass assessment scores, and related offense therapy, all factors that indicate whether a person is truly ready for release. These are factors I thought were being considered, yet each time I found the same old same old.

These bullets are in response to the summarized points in the information packet. All of them address my personal dilemma in trying to obtain my freedom after almost 32 years now. I went to trial because I didn't do what they said I did. Now I am penalized all over again by a Parole Board that wants to admit to something I didn't do, just because I've done the time for it without being able to overturn my conviction. This type of double jeopardy is what I've been dealing with for so long now. I'm trying to remain strong but this type of reality is draining me of the strength and vision that has carried me so long - my belief that I will be free again.

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments worthy of your review. I believe that change will be coming.

Yours truly,

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