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Re: *Proposed Changes to 9 NYCRR §§ 8002.1 - 8002.3*

Dear Ms. Kiley:

I am writing in support of the above referenced proposed rule changes that were published in the *NYS Register* on September 28, 2016.


My husband has been incarcerated for 37 years on a controlling sentence of 9 years to life for murder in the second degree. He committed his crime when he was only 15 years old.

My husband has appeared before the Parole Board 19 times and was held for 24 months 14 times (five Boards were postponed).

My husband is a model prisoner, who during his incarceration has completed every possible program available, with an outstanding institutional record. Our two children, who are now grown, were born during my husband's incarceration and to say that he is a model of a rehabilitated man, who has gained complete maturity, is an understatement.

I am writing to support the proposed changes and most especially, the changes that affect inmates whose crimes were committed when they were youths. It is about time that New York State finally recognizes the difference between juvenile and adult crime and I sincerely hope that these changes bring about real change.

Very truly yours,


Susan Putland

cc: John Koury, Director, ARRC
Mujahid Farid, Correctional Association of New York
Michelle Lewin, Parole Preparation Project