**LETTER TO THE PAROLE BOARD FOR A FRIEND**

Probation and Parole Board

Attn: Inmate Inquiry mailing address on the board

Regarding the Parole Hearing for:

The next parole hearing for prisoner full name> is set for date>. As a concerned person interested in assisting inmate name in making a smooth transition out of prison, I am writing to request that you release her during this hearing.

She/He has served more than X years of a year sentence for a crime committed, even though the typical term for such offence is 10-15 years. Despite having had no serious disciplinary issues in the previous three decades, she is still in prison years after serving her minimum term.

The prosecuting attorney's unfavorable recommendation," and "Your minimization/denial of the nature and circumstances of the offence (s) committed."

I'm afraid that denial of guilt will be interpreted as an attempt to downplay or dismiss the nature and circumstances of the crime(s), even though there is proof that the shot was fired from a location where she was not present.

Law scholar Daniel Mewed refers to this situation as "the innocent prisoner's dilemma," arguing that requiring a prisoner who may have been wrongfully convicted to make a fake admission of guilt or regret is unjust and immoral.

Concerning the prosecuting attorney's unfavorable recommendation, I feel it is offset by the fact that officials at SCI Cambridge Springs, where MS Sims is being confined, have recommended her for parole.

These are the jail guards and workers with whom she interacts daily, as opposed to the prosecuting attorney, with whom she has had no contact in decades.

Debbie Sims has spent most of her life behind bars, and the recidivism rate for persons her age is quite low. Please give her parole so that she can be a contributing member of society as a free citizen, a loving mother, and a grandma.

Sincerely,