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CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROSECUTOR

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Cynthia Mausser, Chair
Adult Parole Authority
Ohio Parole Board
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Dear Chairperson Mausser;

In 1990, Marlon Ricks pled guilty to murder, a three-year firearm specification, aggravated burglary, kidnapping and felonious assault. Ricks was sentenced to fifteen years to life, with an additional three years for the firearm specification.

Ricks waited for his girlfriend to arrive at her apartment. Upon her arrival, Ricks tied her up and assaulted her. The victim noticed Ricks had blood on his hands. When the victim was able to get away she notified the police of the incident, and that Ricks had threatened to kill his stepfather.

When the police arrived at Ricks' residence, they believed a hostage situation existed, and SWAT entered the home. Ricks was found with a gun and was arrested. Ricks' stepfather's body was found hidden in a closet, wrapped in blankets and under clothing. Ricks had shot his stepfather in the head, killing him.

Ricks has only served 19 years and 9 months of his sentence. The State of Ohio strongly opposes Ricks' release. Ricks has demonstrated that he poses a clear danger to society. There exists substantial reason to believe that due to serious nature of Ricks' crime, his release into society would create undue risk to the public and would not further the interest of justice.

Please consider this letter as our formal request to receive and be notified of every hearing, central board hearing, and full board hearing, as we want the opportunity to appear and object to this inmate's release. All notifications of dates and times to appear should

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Very truly yours,

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