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Mr. James W. Nielsen, Chairman  
Board of Prison Terms  
428 J Street, Sixth Floor  
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RE: PRISONER PF LAZOR, NUMBER C-73842

I am writing this letter as a personal testimonial on behalf of the above inmate, PF Lazor, currently incarcerated in Mule Creek State Prison. I have known Mr. Lazor for over ten years, and I believe that I can speak accurately about his consistent attitude and demeanor so that he may be released back into the community.

I wrote a previous character testimonial letter for his last parole board hearing, and today I am even more convinced of his qualification for immediate parole. As I stated three years ago, I believe that Mr. Lazor is the unfortunate victim of a tragic mistake in our judicial system, and I have always believed that he is innocent.

Despite having ample cause for bitterness for the severe wrong he has suffered, he and never given any indication of violence, retribution, or other anti-social behavior. I have always respected his professional demeanor in trying, albeit futile, to vindicate himself throughout the legal process. His frequent letters consistently expound wholesome values and genuine kindness and sincerity. I cannot help but believe that over so many long years that if Mr. Lazor was the criminal the courts have characterized, that a dark personality would have emerged. Not surprisingly, none has. It is therefore inconceivable for me to imagine that Mr. Lazor could ever be a danger to the public.

It is for these reasons that I wholeheartedly endorse Mr. Lazor for an early parole. I am requesting that you exercise your authority to release him into the community immediately. It would not only be the right thing to do, but it would ease our state's financial burden by creating space for a real criminal who should more appropriately be there.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Long