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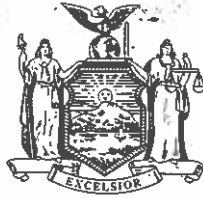
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Andrea W. Evans  
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Dear Chairwoman Evans:

I write to you today concerning the upcoming parole hearing of Michael Alston, convicted of killing NYPD Sgt. Keith Levine in 1991. As a former police officer, I know all too well the dangers presented to law enforcement and everyday citizens when callous, lifetime criminals like Michael Alston are set free in the community.

As you are aware, prior to his shooting of Sgt. Levine, Mr. Alston had already served 11 years for prior manslaughter convictions and was just released back into society when he killed the young officer who was trying to break up a robbery. Too often, we witness violent crimes committed by parolees who should have never been let out of prison in the first place. If the Parole Board grants parole to Michael Alston, there is a strong likelihood that he will commit additional violent acts in this State, placing anyone who gets in his way in imminent danger.

Not only as a former police officer, but as a State Senator, and a father, I urge you to keep this violent individual behind bars.

Sincerely,

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