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February 6, 2018

Mr. Paul Essex, Supervising Offender Rehabilitation Coordinator  
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Woodbourne, NY 12788-1000

Dear Mr. Essex,

I am writing to you to oppose an early release for murderer Chad A. Campbell, DIN 96R0119, and demand that he be kept in prison for the entire length of his maximum sentence, which is life. His victims, a teenage girl and a baby boy, were not allowed the chance to live out the full potential of their lives, so why should Campbell be given the same opportunity?

In August 1990, Mr. Campbell – then 14 years old – brutally stabbed to death his 15-year-old classmate, Cindy Lewis, and the 17-month-old boy she was babysitting, Curtis Rizzo. He was convicted of two counts of second-degree murder and sentenced to a maximum of life in prison. According to a transcript of Mr. Campbell's most recent parole board hearing in May 2016, he shows virtually no remorse for his horrific actions that caused irreparable harm to the community where he committed this terrible violence and unspeakable anguish to the family and friends of those he murdered. Instead, he chooses to blame his upbringing rather than take responsibility for his own actions.

I have worked with Ms. Elaine Hartnagel, Curtis Rizzo's grandmother, to support bills in the State Senate that would allow all family members and interested parties to make statements during parole board hearings and lengthen the time between hearings from two years to five years. During these meetings, I have seen and heard firsthand the pain and suffering that Ms. Hartnagel and her family members still feel over this tremendous loss of her grandson and his babysitter – lives that were cut tragically short 28 years ago. Ms. Hartnagel and her family members bear the burden of reliving their real-life nightmare every two years by testifying to ensure that Campbell is never released into society.



I urge the members of the parole board not to grant parole to Chad Campbell – not now and not ever. Even if he does one day decide to take responsibility and show remorse for this heinous crime, he does not deserve the opportunity to lead a fulfilling, rewarding life within our community. His victims did not, and he should not.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pamela A. Helming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping tail.

Pamela A. Helming  
Senator, 54<sup>th</sup> District