

Dear Ms. Swan

My name is Scott Howard and I have been in prison for 30 years now on a life plus sentence. I would like to thank you for all you have done for us in here and for what you are trying to accomplish now.

Enclosed is my info from your last letter to us. I hope it is what you are looking for. Also a ~~SASE~~ to return the parole papers and also the photos if you can please.

Some talking points for this up coming hearing could be as follows.

Parole defer is pre-determined before we ever have the hearing. If not why else all the discrepancies between inmate defers. One man has an 80 year sentence for two armed robberies. First time up for parole he gets an 11 month defer with an endorsement to AODA program. Next time after AODA he gets another 11 plus endorses to minimum. He has 39 years left to Mandat release.

Another is the raising of Lifer defers for no reason other than they can.

How about the maddening go-around between the parole board and PRC.

PRC want parole to endorse for minimum and Parole says its up to PRC. Firstly parole doesn't have the authority to endorse for anything. Security levels are up to PRC to do.

Parole uses no discretion in its decision making. They use the same two catch phrases over and over "Not enough time for punishment" and "Danger to society", and give us no idea how to reduce either. ^{we} ~~scr~~ will never get out because they base these phrases on the crime and the person from 30 years ago not on who we have become now.

By not using their discretion the parole board is doing a disservice not only to us but also to the tax payer who is paying for a service they are not getting. Where is the Republican outcry for accountability in government when year after year they are paying people to do a job they don't do.

How about the shame of padding the books on discretionary parole. Letting an inmate out 2, 4 or 6 months before mandatory release is not discretionary. Its just "cooking the books".

Anyway those are just some of the ideas we have been kicking around in here.

My family if they could would help if they could but I am from Spokane Wash. and I dont get visits any more due to distance cost and pretty much to much time has gone by.

Again thank you so much for your concern and help in our lives in here.

Respectfully
Scott Howard