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Dear Governor Baker,

I am reaching out to you to ask your help. Soon I will be submitting paperwork to the Massachusetts Parole Board asking them to consider early termination of my parole. I know how you feel about my case and the restrictions I must live with. I can remember meeting you in the North End during your run for Governor and again at Barbara Anderson's memorial service. Both times you had kind words and indicated your support.

As you may know I served 17 years 10 months in prison for a crime that never happened. Since my release in April, 2004 I have been a model parolee doing all that is asked of me including GPS monitoring, lie detector tests twice a year, curfew, travel restrictions, etc. Simple things like wearing shorts in summer, swimming, or skiing again are only a few of the things the ankle bracelet, my "scarlet letter", prevents me from doing. My wife and I are unable to travel out of the state unless we plan over a month in advance, submit the necessary travel permit request, and check in with the police in each place we travel to. At our age now, and with all we have been through, being able to take a spontaneous trip like up the coast to Maine for lunch or an overnight is something we wish for. My parole conditions will remain until parole ends in 2023 unless the Parole Board takes positive action on my request. After a combined 31 years 10 months of imprisonment and supervision, not to mention the two years leading up to my trial, I simply want to live my life as a free man.

With the help of my lawyer I will be completing and submitting my early termination request to the Board in the next several weeks. I am asking, if at all possible, that you put in a good word for me with the Parole Board. I am sure this would go a long way in improving my chances of early termination. I feel that if I just send in my request, without you putting in a good word, I will likely be denied. I hope I can count on you to do what you can to help end this ordeal, which has been a part of my life since 1984. I understand that the Parole Board is its own entity, but I believe your words would carry some weight.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need any additional information I can be reached at 781-974-

Sincerely,

Gerald Amirault

