Hello. My name is David Golie spelled GOLIE.

I am representing my son, Andrew Golie, an inmate at the Montana State Prison. This is his second felony, both non-violent and non-sexual convictions. He was designated as a Persistent Felony Offender before the law for PFO was changed from the previous harsher definition. His first felony was a simple drug possession in which he was sentenced and sent to the high side rather than treatment. February 23, 2018 the Sentence Review Division modified Andrew's current sentence and decreased it by five years on the prison portion of his sentence. They ruled it was clearly excessive. Honestly 20 years for tampering with a witness? Sex offenders receive less than this and are out in no time.

My son has served seven years on this conviction which is 70% of his sentence. His sentence was 150% of the max possible for his crime using the PFO and after modification he is doing 100% max prison time and 200% of the max if you include the suspended time. He got the book thrown at him in court and now also by the parole board. He was granted a parole after about five years and he came back on a violation for a misdemeanor and absconding. He has been back for two years on these violations and the board is allowing him no leeway or release consideration due to their burdensome rules and regulations which keep inmates locked up for years assuring continued unnecessary industry.

The parole board was overhauled and new members put in place. The legislation changing the rules for revocation and interventions and incentives grid has been implemented. It has been reported to the tax paying public and hardworking citizens of Montana that these new laws and rules are being aggressively pursued to save millions of taxpayer dollars that has been wasted on warehousing prisoners and needlessly incarcerating prisoners like my son instead of allowing them community supervision or treatment. Senate Bill 64 was written with the goal of creating a more predictable and consistent parole process. The state of Montana has poured time, effort, and taxpayer money into aggressive pursuit of bill implementation and working with the Council of State Governments on phases of technical support and assistance. There is supposed to be meetings and follow up progress meetings with individual project managers with technical assistance team members. Is this being accomplished?

Progress on specific reform measures include professionalization of the Board of Pardons and Parole. I am here to tell you that in my son's case and what I have witnessed, the progress of that area cannot be positive. As a taxpaying law abiding citizen and business owner, knowing a good portion of Montana's taxpayer's money is going to the D.O.C., I am very concerned and perturbed this is how they are spending it. All of these legislation projects and parole board overhaul is being wasted on making things personal and arbitrary in nature because I see it in the maliciousness of the answers, dispositions, and emails I have received and reviewed in my son's case. He is a nonviolent offender in no need of the programs that the parole board is trying to push him through and they are using just to continue his incarceration. There is no real good proven reason that incarceration is needed. He has everything he needs to start a good life and work through the reintegration process. Even though he failed to take advantage of parole previously doesn't mean he won't and can't now. I can't see how two years isn't enough time or sanction to allow him another chance at freedom.

The D.O.C. and it's employees are now implementing adversarial, arbitrary and improvisational road blocks and barriers to the execution of the parole board's original disposition which found and ordered an appropriate period of residency in pre-release. The licensed addictions counselor Jessica Conell is fabricating and introducing a false finding of a treatment need by saying she performed a state certifiable chemical dependency evaluation that Andrew participated in which he never did. This

assessment has not been found in his file to this date. This is causing the Parole Board Members, specifically, Annette Carter, post-dispositionally include a stay in an inpatient treatment and a pre-requisite for his transfer to Billings Pre-Release where he is already accepted and approved since April 6, 2018.

He already attempted to complete the treatment just to jump through their hoops which did not end well when they attempted to write him up and ruin his clear conduct for simply using a zip tie to hold his jeans up. The write up got dropped. However, he still got kicked out of treatment and they are still using that circumstance to imply he has a bad attitude and spread vicious rumors around the prison's administration and in his file.

There is a lot of ins and outs and the D.O.C. weave a complex web which inhibits the actual release or simple clear cut dispositions for offenders to actualize and effect. When it takes three years to do violation time which should have consisted of a lesser sanction time like three to nine months or a year at most, that is a waste of taxpayer money warehousing these prisoners. The tax paying public thought and believed these new bills and this new parole board overhaul would change that. It is not working yet and this situation is a perfect example why.

The exact players in this game culpable of this oppositional strategy and red tape are: Annette Carter, Jessica Conell and treatment staff, correctional officers who trump up fake and bogus write ups to disrupt clear conduct, institutional parole officers (Cathy Johnson) who fail to use time and effort in making sure appropriate paperwork is effectively handled and submitted, answer kites in constant correspondence with paroled offenders who are trying to establish and get approved parole plans, residencies and gain ultimate approval of the D.O.C.

In my son's case it is specifically the parole board's refusal to work with him and allow the time spent on the violation to speak for itself. For his non-violent, non-sexual crime and demeanor to speak for itself and to just allow him another chance for parole. He meets all the criteria for non-medical parole, has the clear conduct, community support, treatment plan, employment, ride to work, housing, education, the plan and the attitude and track record of recent behavior with 20 months clear conduct and employment on the low side to speak for itself and make him viable, able, and fully capable to be released on parole today.

As I speak right now, my son is in the hole. We don't know why and other inmates do not know why either. My feelings are that this is just another way to ruin my son's clear conduct which will in turn necessitate another 120 days of clear conduct in order to move through the maze towards parole. I'll leave you with this thought, pass a law that includes a 90 day incarceration for all DOC employees so they can truly see how abusive and manipulating they really are. None of them would last one week. None of these DOC employees could survive or follow any of their abusive situations or rules if the tables were turned. The abuse and personal vendettas need to end and only you can make that happen.

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