

# California State Senate

SENATOR  
JEAN FULLER

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER  
SIXTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT



June 9, 2016

Arthur Anderson  
Commissioner, California Board of Prison Terms  
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Dear Commissioner Anderson,

Senate Republicans write today to request that in the interest of public safety you deny parole to inmate Steven John Burns (C-20341). While it is noteworthy that Mr. Burns has availed himself to educational and community opportunities in prison over the years, he has also, unfortunately, continued to exhibit the same obsessive behaviors that led to the callous murder of Catina Rose Salarno. Decades after the crime, Mr. Burns continued to harass his victim's family and other inmates. In one particularly troubling incident, he communicated with a former acquaintance and sent a note containing writings that were described as "controlling." When asked about this extremely troubling behavior, Mr. Burns referred to it as a "dumb joke." This incident and his subsequent denial of its harm is indicative of the fact that Mr. Burns has not availed himself to the necessary psychological help and does not understand the consequences of this type of behavior.

In addition, it is important to note that Mr. Burns committed a particularly disturbing crime. His actions culminated in murder but the victim experienced severe emotional distress for months prior as he harassed and eventually stalked her. When confronted with her death, he denied involvement and changed his story multiple times; including stating that he had simply been watching Monday Night Football.

To this day, Mr. Burns has not shown remorse for his actions nor has he appropriately recognized the behaviors that led to the death of his victim. Given this fact, should he be released there is a high likelihood that he may perpetrate further crimes against the

family of Catina Rose Salarno or others. In this light, I would again ask that you deny parole for Mr. Burns.



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Senate Republican Leader, Jean Fuller



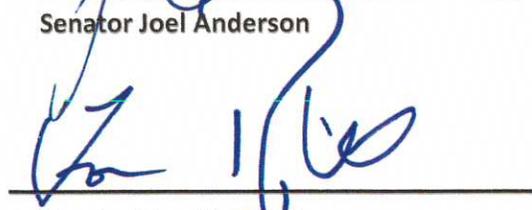
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Senator Joel Anderson



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Senator Pat Bates



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Senator Tom Berryhill



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Senator Anthony Cannella



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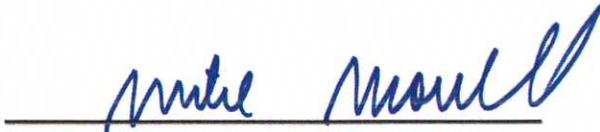
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Senator Bob Huff



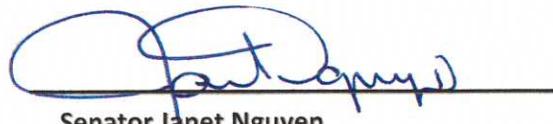
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Senator Mike Morrell



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Senator Janet Nguyen



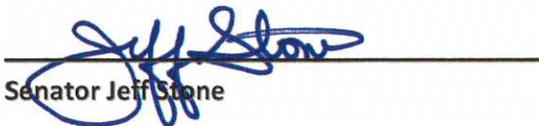
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Senator Jim Nielsen



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Senator Sharon Runner



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Senator Jeff Stone



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Senator Andy Vidak

Cc: Ms. Jennifer Shafer, Executive Officer, Board of Parole Hearings