

One of our FRONT LINE FREEDOM FIGHTERS NEEDS HELP

CAN WE TRY AND GET 25 LETTERS FOR HIS SUPPORT!!!

The sample letter is in the attachment.

Dear Friends and Supporters:

As you know, in July 2006, I will be reappearing for the third time before the parole board for release consideration. When I reappear before them, I will have completed 34 years of imprisonment, 29 of those years in New York State serving a 25 to life sentence. In July 2002 and 2004, I was denied parole for the nature of the crime and criminal history, despite the fact the parole board recognized I had an exemplary prison record. However, under NYS parole guidelines, there are no provisions for release because of good behavior and performance of assignments. Parole release is based solely on the discretion of parole commissioners void of any specific criteria requiring my release.

In other words, despite over three decades of imprisonment and no egregious rule violations, the parole board has the discretion to deny my release on parole. What is particularly ominous is the fact Governor Pataki has instituted an unwritten mandate that those convicted of felony offense[s] must complete 85% of their sentence to be eligible for release. This mandate adheres to the federal "Truth in Sentencing" laws and a federal program that have provided NYS over \$200 million to keep those convicted of violent felonies in prison for longer periods of time. I am attaching an extensive article to further explain the Pataki parole policy and its negative impact on parole releases.

Due to the political nature of my conviction, NYS parole authorities are hard to persuade I am a suitable candidate for parole. Previously, the PBA has lobbied against my release by submitting a petition for 10,000 signatures opposing it; it is incumbent for my friends and supporters to write letters highlighting my achievements.

I am enclosing a sample letter to be written to the Chairman of the Division of Parole and specific elected officials, which can be used to write a letter in support of my release on parole. I further exhort that you make copies of this, and distribute to others requesting they do the same. It would be ideal to inundate the parole authorities with letters urging them to grant my release.

*Importantly, all letters written in support of my release should be sent **no later than the second week of July**, if possible, and a copy sent to my attorney: Ms. Cheryl L. Kates, Esq., Edge of Justice, 121 No. Fitzhugh St., Rochester, NY 14614.*

Thank you for your support, together we can win!

ADDENDUM:

Here is a list of officials who should be written to and urged to support my efforts to be released on parole. I am confident after your reading of the enclosed, you'll understand the difficulties of gaining parole, despite having done everything necessary to be granted parole. Here, I am confronted with the politics of parole, and only the power of the people will ensure we prevail and win my release. I am enclosing a SAMPLE LETTER to be sent to the elected officials. Please use this or expand on the issue according to you own understanding of the issue.

Furthermore, I ask that copies be made of this material and for this to be distributed across the country and on the internet. As many New Yorkers know, Governor Pataki has aspirations to run for the office of President in 2008. I am of the opinion it is important that progressive people know and understand how Governor Pataki has subverted NYS legislators in this and other matters. We can expect he would seek to do the same towards the Congress and House of Representatives if he were to win the White House.

We have to fight for the right to be free!

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Ujima
Ujamaa
Nia
Kuumba
Imani*

*"Sisi watu weusi watu azuri. Pamoja tuta shinda"
(We are black and a beautiful people.
Together we will win.)*

<http://www.nbufront.org>

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FREEDOM OR DEATH

*"Every negro is a potential Black Man"
Kwame Toure*

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Date:

RE: Parole for Anthony "Jalil" Bottom, 77A4283

Dear Parole Commissioner:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Anthony "Jalil" Bottom, 77A4283, urging your office to grant him release on parole. Over three decades, he has made exceptional contributions to the prison population, and the outside community. While in prison, he has obtained two degrees (Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Bachelor of Science in Psychology). He has become a published author, poet, and educator. He has established various programs in prison, including a Men's Group for therapeutic training, African/Black studies programs, a sociology class, computer literacy class, poetry class, earned a certificate in architectural drafting, and has worked as a Teacher's Aide.

On at least two occasions, A. Jalil Bottom has received commendations for preventing prison riots (gangs); raising funds for the Children's Fund; for being the Office Manager of the Computer Lab; and for being a Teacher's Aide. Furthermore, in over thirty years of incarceration, he has maintained an excellent disciplinary record and has availed himself and received all the required certificates for rehabilitation programming, including some not required for release considerations.

A. Jalil Bottom has been imprisoned since he was 19. He is a grandfather and going to be 55 years of age. He has maintained a close-loving relationship with his daughter and grandchildren. In 2000, along with his daughter and granddaughter, he was depicted in Essence Magazine, a national publication, featured article on father/daughter relationships. He has a family, home and job waiting for him on release; however, he also has expressed, upon release, a desire to obtain a Master's degree to complete his education. Statistics from the U.S. Justice Department illustrate that prisoners released after spending in excess of ten years of incarceration, over 35 years old, with a college degree, are less than three percent to recidivate. Given the profile and experience of A. Jalil Bottom, he is an excellent candidate for release on parole.

Based on the foregoing, it is my sincere hope you will grant A. Jalil Bottom parole.

Sincerely yours,