

Guides for writing an effective Parole Protest letter

Victim Description

Begin with a description of the life of the victim before the crime

- Include the name of your loved one, their age, accomplishments and plans for the future

Survivors

List the people that were left behind by this crime

- What relationship does each person have to the victim
- What has been the impact of this loss on each specific person
 - Personal loss, monetary loss, therapy required, etc.

Crime Description

Detail the circumstances of the murder

- Unnecessary
- Heinousness
- Personal culpability of killer
- Lack of mitigating circumstances

Parole Impact

Describe the impact that the perpetrator's parole would have on your family

- Fear for personal safety
- Threats made against survivors
- Make clear any knowledge the perpetrator might have of the family

Inmate Information

Tell the parole board as much as you can about the perpetrator

- Was the perpetrator someone that the victim, or the victim's family or friends knew before the murder
- Do you know where the perpetrator would reside if he/she were to be paroled? Is it near any family of the victim?
- Detail any prior criminal record of the perpetrator

Parole Restrictions

Request certain restrictions

- Ask for parole eligibility to be deferred for the maximum amount allowed in your state if this parole is denied
- If the perpetrator is paroled, ask for restrictions to be placed on his parole that will keep him from entering the proximity of any survivors

You will need to include the following information in your letter:

Offender: Fidel Marquez
State ID: 05220937
TDCJ ID: 00695350