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> John W. Gillis, Chairman Board of Prison Terms 428 J Street, 6th Floor Sacramento CA 95814

RE: PF Lazor Parole Consideration

Dear Mr. Gillis and Board Members:

The following details as known to me are submitted to the BPT, as I believe they offer a different and truthful perspective of certain critical issues which are distorted in the case records which the BPT reviews.

Had these details been presented in Mr. Lazor's trial, a conviction may never have resulted. As it is now, a decade late, I urge the BPT to consider these issues as mitigating evidence which serves to put important facts in a more truthful context. These facts further show that PF Lazor has never been a violent person, but on the contrary, was often working to society's benefit for solutions to curb criminal violence in society. These facts should be very relevant in consideration of and determination of PF Lazor's parole suitability and release date.

1. PF was very concerned and compassionate about the underprivileged in society who wanted to better themselves. He uplifted others who could not help themselves including the handicapped, victims of crime, those in hospitals and hopelessly suffering. He was a supporter of equal rights regardless of gender and publicly spoke out against the increase of crime and too lenient of punishments, before these became popular causes. PF was always very sympathetic to victims of crime, and pioneered ideas for "victims' rights" before this cause had public and political support. I know PF carried on correspondence with California legislators presenting data and suggestions for reducing runaway crime in our society. (Some of those ideas are implemented today.) Certain of these file notes written by PF were taken out of context and even altered by prosecution officials in PF's trial to make it look like his data about the criminal activities he abhorred, reflected criminal activities or thoughts concerning himself. Such notes were based on neighborhood events which he became aware of and noted in his efforts to help curb crime in California with the help of legislators, such as Ernest Konnyu and others.

- 2. PF was victimized by crime himself, more than once that I know of, not including the fatal episode resulting in his prison term. Despite him carrying a very busy schedule in college classes and as a business proprietor and entrepreneur for many years, PF made time to help organize neighborhood crime watches and volunteered to speak on radio shows against crime leniency advocating more meaningful punishments for criminal behavior. He did radio interviews, public service announcements, essays and letter writing to political leaders about these matters. He regarded this as his social duty. He never got paid for any of it.
- 3. PF was developing a social program identical to what is seen today on T.V. news programs almost daily. In an effort to rebuff violent crime, schools, police-sponsored groups, community organizations and private citizens have organized self-defense training classes to teach unarmed women, children and the frail and elderly, how physical defend themselves against muggers, rapists, and kidnappers. In 1982, PF Lazor recognized how bad the crime problem had become in California and had begun to develop a pioneer program. His ideas were identical in nature and goals to today's training classes which are praised by law enforcement officials, the public and news media. Where PF should have been praised for his efforts in this area, he was imprisoned for it. His book notes for this program were taken by the trial prosecution team who selectively removed key notes, dates and data, and mixed them around and even altered statements, while hiding their obvious laudatory purpose. The jury was misled to believe these were indicitative of PF's own violence proclivity. PF was never allowed to present his countering facts.
- I have known PF Lazor for many years in every conceivable situation and he has never been violent in act or temperament. His data and involvement in self defense techniques was to help other potential victims of crime learn basic means of defending themselves. He was avidly against any notion of misusing such techniques for offense or aggression.
- 4. PF was active as a civilian pilot and jumpmaster-skydiving expert. He did occasionally use those skills to entertain at community events, by both public donation for pay, but more notably he was very intent on applying those skills to non-paid volunteer rescue work. He had offered his service on an ongoing basis, anytime, for emergency pilot and para-rescue situations to save lives and help people in danger. Right up until his incarceration, he selflessly offered to put himself at risk in doing such work without pay, to help others.

In conclusion, PF Lazor's lifelong conduct and efforts have contributed to the more meaningful punishments we have today for criminals, he, himself, should not be grouped in with that criminal element and further punished along with them.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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