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The Massachusetts Governor's Council
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Dear Members of the Governor's Council,

Timothy J. Cruz
District Attorney
Plymouth

I write on behalf of a majority of the District Attorneys to respectfully suggest that the Governor's Council may need to re-examine the measures and standards it uses to evaluate who it deems appropriate for service on our Parole Board. Currently, it seems that there's a prevailing notion that a candidate with a prosecutorial background is automatically ill-suited for Parole Board service. We must respectfully caution against such a simple conclusion. On the contrary, a prosecutorial perspective on the complex array of Parole Board responsibilities critical to the proper functioning of our criminal legal system is vitally necessary. After many years of our collective experience as the Commonwealth's District Attorneys, we have witnessed firsthand the consequences – for victims and witnesses, their families and communities impacted by crime – when parole decisions are made without adequate representation from those who have advocated for victims and centered public safety.

Joseph D. Early, Jr.
District Attorney
Worcester

Parole decisions demand looking at the full picture from a variety of perspectives. A prosecutorial viewpoint is fundamental to providing the Parole Board with the lived experience of evaluating complex evidence, understanding charging decisions along with trial and appellate procedures, considering risk and recidivism factors, and working directly with crime victims and the impact of trauma. A candidate with prosecutorial experience has responded to and investigated offenses, played a vital role in the court proceedings and the administration of justice in matters that come before the Parole Board, and worked alongside community service providers and stakeholders that absorb the impact of violence and crime. It is imperative that these experiences are reflected in parole decisions. Given the current constitution of the Parole Board, any suggestion that a clearly qualified candidate lacks the multidisciplinary and rehabilitative expertise needed is misplaced. In fact, we believe what the Board needs now is the restoration of more balanced perspectives.

Robert J. Galibois
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We support Vincent J. DeMore's nomination for the Parole Board because he embodies the character and experience necessary to make fair and just parole decisions. His long and distinguished career as a respected member of the military and JAG Corps, experienced prosecutor and accomplished defense attorney makes him uniquely qualified. We know Vince's reputation is above reproach.

Timothy J. Shugrue
District Attorney
Berkshire

David E. Sullivan
District Attorney
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The District Attorneys respectfully request that you confirm Vincent DeMore's nomination to serve on the Massachusetts Parole Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Tara L. Maguire
Executive Director

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Hayden
Suffolk County District Attorney
President of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association

cc: The Honorable Maura Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth