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Executive Council
Council Chamber
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Councillors:

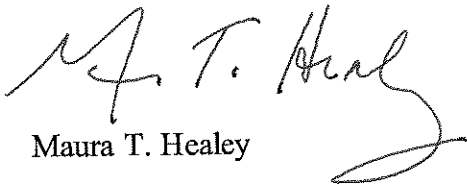
I write to urge you to vote to confirm the nomination of Vince DeMore to the position of Parole Board Member. As you know, the Parole Board serves a number functions critical to the proper operation of the criminal justice system in Massachusetts, including making decisions about the release of incarcerated individuals into the community, assessing and making determinations on parole termination applications, and evaluating and making recommendations to me and ultimately to the Council on clemency petitions. It is imperative that – in all its functions – the Parole Board carefully evaluate the requests of incarcerated individuals, the voices of victims and their family members, and public safety.

Attorney DeMore would bring significant experience with a deep understanding of how the criminal justice system works from indictment through post-conviction litigation. As a former prosecutor, he has represented victims of crime and understands the lasting impact of crime on the lives of survivors and their families. For these reasons it is imperative that he be appointed to the Parole Board.

During his twelve years as a prosecutor with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Attorney DeMore gained experience investigating and litigating criminal cases in every level of court in the Commonwealth from the District Court to the Supreme Judicial Court. He understands the way cases move through the criminal justice system from indictment through appeal, and has evaluated sentences, motions for a new trial, and claims of wrongful conviction. In this capacity he also worked closely with victims of crime and their families, ensuring that their voices were heard and their perspectives were shared in court. For the past seven years he has worked as a defense attorney, representing individuals in criminal cases in the District, Juvenile, Superior, Appeals, and Federal courts in Massachusetts. He understands the fear that accompanies criminal charges and the repercussions of criminal convictions. Finally, in his current capacity as a Special Victim's Counsel in the JAG Corps., he works closely with crime victims, representing their interests in military court proceedings.

I understand there are strong opinions about this role, and that we are all working toward a stronger, safer Massachusetts. But I do not believe recent criticisms of Attorney DeMore's nomination take into consideration his varied experience or the current makeup of the Board. I am confident that Attorney DeMore will evaluate each case that comes before him in a principled and unbiased way. He will center the voices of victims and seriously consider impacts to public safety. I also know that he will commit himself fully to the work of the Board. The Parole Board will benefit tremendously from Attorney DeMore's contributions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. T. Healey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that loops back under the name.

Maura T. Healey