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To Whom it may concern

Although crowding in our prison system is a serious budget and safety issue that the state must deal with, it is not in the best interest, nor safety, of the public for whom you serve. Early release should only be offered to non-violent offenders. The statistics have proven that early release of violent offenders results in repeat crimes and reentry into the prison system.

For the sake of the general, law abiding, public you would do well to put tighter restrictions on early release and keep prison sentencing for misdemeanor crimes like possession of marijuana and petty theft at a minimum. Be more creative in choosing a rehabilitative source of correct than prison. If you want some ideas, you can hire me for the job. I specialize in finding better and less expensive ways of doing things. It seems that you might need some fresh ideas and approaches.

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"It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in the minds of men."