

Thank you for your informative letter to the Friends and Family of Michael Mayborne that I received yesterday. Although we felt the 'Democratic Senate leaders' who we feel need to be held accountable were addressed (because we all know who they are) I can understand your frustration that they were namely omitted. Your advice will be taken. I am not a 'sit down' individual when I know something is 'just wrong'. I will be sending a personal letter to Senate Leader, Senator Emil Jones addressing the same issues. (I am also considering my letter to the Senator as an open editorial letter for the media.)

We (C# Victims) continue, to this day, to experience wrong doing by the PRB to the victims who elect to participate in the parole protest process. Because my case was escalated to high profile with the Prisoner Review Board Member Diaz attempting to be removed for alternative reasons, I have no problem addressing Senator Jones and his supporters head on. I have already lost tragically the worst that could happen, so they do not intimidate me.

I will be in Chicago, August 20th before the House Legislation Prison Reform Committee that is attempting to introduce the return of Earned Release in the form of Life and Long Term Elderly Sentence Adjustment. HB4154. Because victims have not been invited to participate in the discussions, our work continues beyond yearly protest hearings in an attempt to be the voice for the many law enforcement families and murder victims across the state who would be subjected to this horrendous process if they are successful.

Once again, I am encouraged by your interest and response. I am not educated in legislative matters, but continue to try and make a difference in the lives of innocent victims that are re-traumatized, most yearly, by a poor standard that is easily manipulated. May I leave you with one example of a young man who yearly, protests the release of two C# inmates that beat and strangled his father to death, Lee County Sheriff Correctional Officer Richard Fordham, while attempting to escape Dixon Correctional, in Dixon, IL. This son must report to Dixon Correctional twice yearly, where his father was murdered, and enter through prison doors, for his protest hearings! This is so WRONG! Alternatives are available, but the PRB victim policy is to not to educate the victim on them.

This is my passion, and I thank you for taking the time to read this and for the dedication you give to the people of Illinois. Like my husband, your service and commitment to mankind is in your heart.

Have a blessed day,

Terry Mayborne Rudeen

Friends and Family of Mike Mayborne