

Letters of Support

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Letters should be useful in showing support on the outside to assist with transition from incarceration back to the community.

Letters can be from:

- Family
- Friends
- Clergy
- Potential employer
- People in the community that have an interest in or support release

Try not to get caught up in writing the perfect letter. There are many factors that will influence the parole boards' decision. Your letter is only one of them. Simply be sincere.

Things to include in a letter of support:

- Nature of relationship
- How long, if at all, you have known me
- Familiarity with my crime and the remorse I have shown
- Familiarity with the positive things I've done while in prison
- Familiarity with anything I've contributed to the community before prison
- Familiarity with my job history prior to incarceration with an emphasis on long term employment
- Assistance with transition plans