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April 16, 2008

Edward F. Reilly Jr.  
United States Parole Commission  
Suite 420 Park Place Building  
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Dear Mr. Reilly:

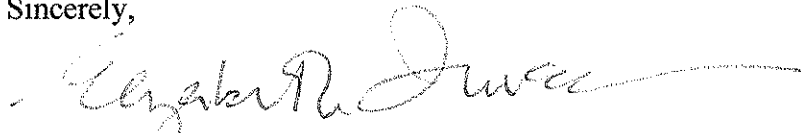
On September 15, 1993 as a Member of Congress from the First District of Oregon, I wrote to you requesting that the U.S. Parole Commission reconsider its decision denying parole to Mr. Zvonko Basic. At that time, I wrote on behalf of Julie Basic, a constituent of mine who was attempting to assist her husband in his effort to obtain parole.

I now write you on my own behalf and in support of just treatment for Mr. Basic who remains incarcerated despite the recommendations of the trial judge, John Bartels, both at sentencing in 1979 and directly to the Parole Commission when it considered Mr. Basic's petition. Mr. Basic has now been in prison for 32 years, 22 years longer than Judge Bartels recommended.

Mr. Basic has taken full responsibility and expressed clear remorse for his crime and, in light of his intent and the current status of Croatia, he poses no threat to the United States or its citizens. In fact, if released, he will be immediately deported to Croatia where his wife and entire family reside.

In the interest of fundamental justice, I urge you and members of the Parole Commission to grant Mr. Basic's petition.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Furse

Cc: Honorable Gordon Smith  
Honorable Ron Wyden  
Honorable David Wu