

February 23, 2017

Alabama Pardons and Parole Board
P.O. Box 302405
Montgomery, AL 36130-2405

RE: Charles Donald Corley, AIS 184756

Honorable Members of the Alabama Pardons and Parole Board,

My name is Michael V. Johnson, and as the Director of Youth Protection for the Boy Scouts of America and a former detective, I am writing to ask you to DENY the early parole of Charles Donald Corley, AIS 184756, housed at Kilby Correctional Facility. I support completion of his full 30-year sentence for confessed sexual assaults of three minor youth.

In 1995, the BSA and the Greater Alabama Council supported the three brave young men who stood up for what was right and pressed charges against Charles Donald Corley and we continue to support them today. The BSA and the Greater Alabama Council have always stood against child abuse of any kind, and we continue to take steps to enhance our youth protection policies and procedures. We do not tolerate any action that does not uphold our dedication to building good character in a safe environment. Scouting seeks to prevent child abuse through a comprehensive program of ongoing youth protection education for all volunteers, parents and scouts, the chartered organization leader selection process, criminal background and other checks, policies and procedures to serve as barriers to abuse, and the prompt mandatory reporting to the authorities of any allegation or suspicion of abuse.

As a former law enforcement professional, I, like you, know the real risk and research on recidivism to youth. While the Boy Scouts organization has processes in place to prevent somebody like Charles Donald Corley from re-entering our program, the same may not be true for other respected institutions, including churches and other youth-serving organizations whose youth could be at risk because charismatic offenders like Mr. Corley often seek out places of trust and respect.

As I have testified before the State of Texas Criminal Justice Committee, "Our society is only safe when offenders [like Charles Donald Corley] are incarcerated, as no known treatment, monitoring or statements by him can ensure he will not prey on youth again."

Along with other representatives of the Greater Alabama Council, I will be in attendance at the parole hearing in support of victims of Corley and to underscore our hope that the you will DENY the early parole of Charles Donald Corley.

Thank you for your service to the community and the time committed to making a very important safety decision.

Sincerely,

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