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krclabckb,

Thank you for your posting, I feel the pain and frustration of both you and your lifer. I have sat before the Parole Board also, and found it to be nothing more than a twenty-first century version of the Spanish Inquisition and the Salem Witch Trials.

California is so blinded with an insatiable appetite for punishment it thinks nothing of closing schools and firing teachers, so they can spend over one billion dollars a year just to punish to death old men walking around with walkers and canes. Bear in mind that billion dollars is dedicated to old men who are past their eligible parole dates. We have to ask; Who's appetite is being appeased?

To effect change, rank-and-file taxpayers have to send letters in opposition to this punishment insanity to legislators (such as accompanied ), letters should regularly appear in newspaper Letters to Editor columns, teacher's unions and school organizations should be educated that prisons are given priority over education, support legislation allowing the media access to prisons (Assembly Bill 1270), and align yourself with groups such as the Life Support Alliance (916) 743-1654. Most importantly persevere; all of us under the oppression of brutal sentencing depend on wonderful people such as, you.

You, must know support is not going to come from sympathy toward the prisoners' and their family's plight, it is going to come from "HOW MUCH MONEY IS THIS COSTING ME!"; therein lies the solution. California is slipping down a financial slope and their appetite for punishment is greasing the skids.

In your grace,

Robert