

Here is a letter I would all who are interested in human rights, the right to medical care, the right to die a humane death among love ones - I urge you to write to the California Legislature.

Dear Legislator;

I wish to express support of parole, and/or, ankle bracelet Alternative Custody for elderly prisoners.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's, Outcome Evaluation Report, 2010, assesses that older prisoners, even those serving life sentences for very serious crimes are:

- * No longer a risk to public safety.
- * The most expensive to continue to incarcerate, \$138,000+ per year
- * Elderly parolees have a recidivism rate of less than 3%

Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy suggested in the recent prison overcrowding ruling... find out who are the safest to release and release that group.

Well, here is that group... Elderly Prisoners

I'm not suggesting we let anyone out early but to give full consideration to the possibility of letting out those who have surpassed their minimum release dates; there are more than 20,000 prisoners who have reached their minimums.

Continuing to fund punishment of elderly prisoners at the expense of education and social services perpetuates a failed system and harms all of society.

I urge you to advocate for parole, and/or, ankle bracelet alternative Custody for elderly prisoners.

Sincerely,

<http://betweenthebars.org/blogs/524/steve-j-burkett>

P.S. look for AMC 2012 in my blog pages.