

Date: August 19, 2019

Ralph Diaz, CDCR Secretary
California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB)
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RE: Request to Include People Serving LWOP in 1170(d) Resentencing Regulations

Dear Secretary Diaz:

My name is Maurice L. Harris, CDCR # K-35200, and I am writing to strongly urge you to include people serving LWOP in the CDCR's new 1170d resentencing regulations.

As a person living in this system, I understand first hand that allowing people sentenced to LWOP eligibility for 1170(d) resentencing will promote safety and justice in California and its prisons because: according to a book released in 2018, **The Meaning of Life: The Case for**

Abolishing Life Sentences: people over 50 will make up 1/3 of U.S. prisoners by 2030; therefore, despite the fact that LWOP sentences have little effect on crime rates because people tend to "age out" of crime, states will continue to, unnecessarily, spend a fortune on geriatric care.

Additionally, a lot of LWOP prisoners have taken full advantage of CDCR's rehabilitative opportunities, such as college, coding, and correspondence course; and self-help programs. With such learned skills, these people are truly much needed assets to our communities. Lastly, including them in 1170(d) will give them something to hope for, and thereby temper prison violence; thus, make prison safer for both the incarcerated & guards; while, simultaneously, saving CA money on both prison housing and geriatric care.

I strongly urge you, Secretary Diaz, to provide hope and rehabilitative incentives to all incarcerated people by allowing us all eligibility to apply for review under AB 1812.

Sincerely,