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Jimmie Henry, Chairman  
Florida Parole Commission  
2601 Blair Stone Rd. Bldg C  
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Re: Charles P. Norman  
881834 Parole

Dear Chairman Henry,

I've taught Creative Writing Classes in college, universities, smalltown libraries, high schools, and in many prisons, in different places in this country.

I've judged literary contests involving prison writing, have had extended correspondence with many prisoners, worked on anthologies of prison writing, had a radio show for six-and-a-half years where I read prison poetry, essays, letters... point being, having read thousands of pages of prison writing, and taught in many classrooms, plus the academic work only mentioned above, everything I know about Charlie Norman, as well as everything I've read that he's written - he's a fine writer - shows a conscious, selective mind with standards he lives by. There's not a trace of the one-dimensional, self-absorbed, obsessive, me-me-me world the criminal lives in. Charlie should be outside helping people. With his teaching/counseling skills, plus his visual/dramatic talents - a prize winning playwright, prize winning essayist - any neighborhood would be glad to have him. He's tops on anybody's list of good character references.

With the recent proof of his innocence - you have that documentation - plus the newest proof: previously withheld police documents that he never knew about that contains a bulk of evidence that would have helped him: 28 original suspects, 6 witnesses he had no idea of, plus fingerprint evidence that did not match his! And more.

He's been in for 24 years - longer to the innocent. Let him out, Chairman Henry.

Let this articulate, creative, good man go free! Get him out of prison and back in the real world where he is needed, and where he belongs! He'd got solid, upright citizens out there, wanting him free!

Sincerely,

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