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The purpose of this correspondence is to bring to your attention the following. I appeared before the N.Y.S. Parole Authorities (3) times thus far, and another appearance scheduled for April 2014. Respectively, on my three previous appearances I was denied parole due to instant offenses and that if I was released there is a reasonable probability that I would not live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that my release would be incompatible with the public safety and welfare of the community. But yet my risk assessment came back from DOCS as a level two risk score. I have been denied parole because I have incurred (13) dirty urines in twenty-three years. Basically, what they are saying is since I continue to use marijuana I must remain in prison. Moreover, I was told in my 2009 parole hearing by commissioner Mr. Henry Lemons, that I need to look into an 18 month in patient drug treatment program to better my chances of release. For my April 10, 2013 parole board I presented them with that exactly. I was denied parole because if released it would be incompatible with the welfare of society and would so depreciate the serious nature of the crime as to undermine respect for the law. same boiler-plate answer I had on all three previous parole hearings. The judge sentenced me to 18 to life and now the parole board is sentencing me as well. I obtained

a college degree, certificate from the D.O.C. in counseling; have done all mandated programs and have been incarcerated twenty-three years with not one violent incident. No weapon charges, not even a fist fight. Have completed Na,AA,IPA, legal research certificate, ART,AVP(1)and(2), I was an Art facilitator for several years and received a certificate as a Mobility aide working with blind and deaf inmates. I have been a tutor and have taught phase (2)and(3) while working for transitional services. I have illustrated all the above to show you all of my accomplishments while incarcerated. But yet, the board has delivered more of the same meaningless denials. I have positive job offers as well by a construction company but nothing works. On September 19, 2013 my lawyer filed an appeal to the division of parole requesting a De-noyo hearing based on much deducted information used. However, the division of parole chose to let the 120 day rule run it's course to avoid having to respond and offer a de-noyo hearing. In a nut shell, the parole division violate their own rules and the law with impunity and provide no incentive for myself as well as those similarly situated. Thanking you in advance for your time. Your interest and concern is deeply appreciated.

Respectfully,  
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