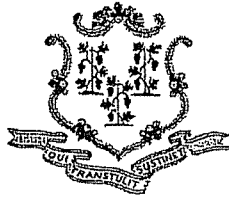


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BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES
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November 10, 2009

Secretary Robert Genuario
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Secretary Genuario,

In accordance with your request to submit reduction options equal to 5% of our FY2011 appropriation option for the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the following is offered. This reduction is based on the FY 2010-2011 appropriation for the Board of Pardons and Paroles, established as a separate account within the Department of Correction for administrative purposes only.

To meet the required reduction of approximately \$309,890 the Board of Pardons and Paroles must plan to reduce our complement of parole officer positions by two and full-time Board Members by two. This type of reduction would significantly reduce the Board's ability to meet its statutory mandates. The Board continues to work through a high volume of paperwork i.e. police reports, transcripts, P.S.I.'s etc. Public Act 08-1 allowed the Board to hire 5 full-time Board Members and a Psychologist, and Public Act 08-51 allowed the Board to hire 3 full-time Parole Officers, and 4 support staff. We have just completed the hiring of the parole officers to refill the vacancies created by the RIP and they have completed training.

The reduction of two parole officers would equate to 30 fewer hearings per month, and losing two full-time Board Members would greatly prohibit us from our current hearing schedule. This would result in a reduction of inmates released on parole, causing a substantial increase in the number of incarcerated inmates with a resulting increase of cost to the state.

I respectfully suggest, as an alternative, that funding the Board at the current service level will enable the agency to carefully review and certify cases for hearings. The Board of Pardons and Paroles is committed to developing an effective and cost effective operation. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Robert Farr
Chairman, Board of Pardons & Paroles

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Cc: Robert Foltz, Director Fiscal Services, DOC
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Board of Pardons and Paroles

2011 Mid-Term Reduction Option

Target \$309,890

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>WCS</u>	
ParoleOfficer2	\$2,819	\$800	
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ParoleReleasePanelMember	\$3,640		
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Bi-weekly	\$12,918		
Annual Total	\$335,880	\$1,600	\$337,480

See separate cover letter from Chairman Farr to Secretary Genuario.