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RE: Dang, Phuoc Ngoc; CDCR # G32680

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I am writing this letter to oppose the early release of inmate Phuoc Ngoc Dang CDCR # G32680. Inmate Dang is an inmate that should NOT be released as a 'Non-Violent Second Striker.'

Inmate Dang is serving a prison sentence for committing a violation of Health and Safety Code section 11359, Marijuana for Sale, which he plead guilty to on August 6, 2014. In that case, Inmate Dang facilitated a marijuana grow operation inside his residence. Importantly, this was not a small marijuana grow operation. This was a very large operation as was evidenced by the ninety-six marijuana plants scattered throughout bedrooms in his house. Ninety-six marijuana plants is estimated to produce twenty-four pounds of processed marijuana each month. That is a great deal of processed marijuana, which Inmate Dang would then recklessly distribute into the community for profit. It is no secret that a tremendous amount of violent crimes, including murder, robberies, assaults, and gun use offenses stem from marijuana grows. Consequently, it is no wonder why our community continues to endure these types of crimes when you have Inmate Dang perpetuating this cycle in the community.

Moreover, Inmate Dang's underlying strike offense is most concerning and shows an unfettered willingness to engage in violence. On March 11, 2008, Inmate Dang and his three co-defendants entered the victims' residence to steal money. Once inside the residence Inmate Dang and his cohorts subdued the victims with a gun and proceeded to tie them up with zip ties. Inmate Dang ransacked the victims' residence and fled the scene once he heard police sirens nearby. Inmate Dang showed true callousness toward truly vulnerable victims, who were fourteen and fifteen years old at the time of the robbery. Following Inmate Dang's conviction for Penal Code section 211, 1st degree robbery, with a firearm enhancement, Inmate Dang was sentenced to four years state prison.

Inmate Dang was released from prison in August 2011. Less than two years later he was selling drugs despite being on active parole. Importantly, in June 2013, the Sacramento County Jail documented possible gang ties between Inmate Dang and the Hop Sing gang. Regardless of the fact that Inmate Dang has spent the majority of his adult life incarcerated he continues to show rebellious behavior and an absolute disregard for the community as a whole. It would defy logic and justice to reward Inmate Dang with a reduction of jail time after displaying such a poor performance on parole and a lack of respect for the law.

Respectfully,

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