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IN RE: GARY ALLEN BETZ – Inmate #A149282  
Trumbull County Case No. 77-CR-10  
CHARGES: Aggravated Murder and  
Aggravated Robbery  
Sentence: August 24, 1977-Life Imprisonment  
Consecutive to 7 to 25 year sentence for  
Aggravated Robbery

Dear Attorney Imbrogno:

Gary Allen Betz, repeat offender and career criminal, has served over 40 years in prison since his 1977 aggravated murder conviction and during his lifetime of crime, has been paroled on three (3) separate times (noting he had been released twice on parole before committing his aggravated murder and robbery offenses) and each time while on parole, he committed other criminal offenses and was returned to prison. Repeatedly over the years, especially since 2007, I and my staff have spent many hours of time and resources pointing out the obvious, in my opinion, to different Ohio Parole Boards, that Gary Allen Betz must be warehoused for the rest of his natural life to protect the public. Criminal behavior runs in his blood. Since there are new board members, I am again sending you materials I personally presented at the full board hearing opposing parole held in Columbus in 2007 after which Betz was released on parole. Also I am including my March 16, 1992 letter to Chairman Raymond Capots, another undated letter to Mr. Capots, a

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January 17, 2013 letter to Board Chair Attorney Cynthia Mausser, and a November 5, 2015 letter to then Acting Chair Attorney Andre Imbrogno. Please read the November 5<sup>th</sup> letter, it sums up well what my present view on Betz's release on parole. This man has been busy with committing crime and harm to others since he was 11 years old; it would be complete non-sense to release him again! Enough is enough!

Furthermore, I would like to remind the Board that on May 15, 2007, at a full board hearing, that Betz's attorney told members that Betz was a sick man suffering from a "potentially fatal" autoimmune disease. He alleged that fifty percent (50%) of the victims with this disease die within 5 years. Importantly, the prosecutor (i.e. Trumbull County), the public and the press were denied access to these records for review. Please read Vindicator and Daily Jefferson articles on Betz's release. It is my view that anytime any prisoner seeks an early release from prison because of medical conditions, it becomes a public record. If he wants privacy, don't go and give the information to a parole board or the Governor and seek an early release, parole, pardon, or commutation. Every convicted felon should understand that you lose some rights when a court sends you to prison. The taxpayers of Ohio pay in full for your room and board, medical expenses and security and yes various records concerning your stay in prison. These records should not be exempt from disclosure when any inmate uses them as a reason to get out of prison. In my opinion this is a public matter. Furthermore, even having a medical condition does not mean an offender will not re-offend. Early in my career I remember a repeat violent offender committing armed robberies between dialysis treatments!

Today, 10 years later, Gary Betz is still alive, and seeking release again. Just as he did in 2007 when he was released on parole and went out on the highways of Ohio and repeatedly drove drunk! Please just say no to his 4<sup>th</sup> parole! A Betz de-javu may mean death or harm to others!

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Thank you for your consideration of Trumbull County's position in this case.

Very truly yours,

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