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Dear Parole Board,

To whom it may concern- my father Stanley Godsey was sent to prison on 09-11-2019. When he was arrested in 2016, he served 90 days before being released on bond in the fall of 2016. He wore an ankle monitor on his leg that he paid \$300 month for 3 years before his trial was even heard. He attended extensive counseling during that time. He did everything the court and his attorney recommended. He also attended weekly counseling with a licensed therapist for his PTSD as well as group therapy in a specialized counseling center. At his hearing in September of 2019, unfortunately his efforts did not seem to help and he was sentenced to 3 years in state prison.

He has been serving his time at Riverbend Prison in Milledgeville, Georgia. During this time he has completed counseling, along with many additional classes in which he has earned 6 PIC points. After a few months at Riverbend he was moved into a dorm where only persons with excellent behavior reside. He attends church regularly, tries to use the time to mentor young men who grew up with no father or who have made poor choices or got involved in drugs. My father will have served 1 year of prison time in June of 2020. The parole board denied his TPM so he was ordered to max out in June of 2022. He may or may not get credit for his PIC points which would allow him to be released in Dec of 2021.

The reason I am writing is to ask the parole board to kindly reconsider releasing my father from prison immediately due to the HIGH risk of him contracting COVID 19 in the prison system due to the inability of prisoners to social distance, maintain a hygienic environment, and not pass this virus throughout the prison. My dad is 65 years old, was on disability before he

went into prison due to chronic back problems, has high blood pressure, diabetes, pleurisy of lungs, previous colon cancer, chronic allergies, and PTSD from a prior hunting accident. I beg you to have mercy and allow him to return to his home in Virginia that he shares with his fiancée Gina and is surrounded by family support to either live out the rest of his sentence on house arrest or go on parole for the remainder of the sentence. There is no doubt in my mind that he would be 100% compliant of anything you require of him. I know for a fact that if he contracts COVID-19 that unfortunately he will die in prison and that would be completely devastating to his entire family as well as the prison.

Thank you for your strong consideration in this case,

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