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RE: Macias, Richard - CDCR # BB1432; Docket # 15F06486

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Inmate Macias is long-time felon who poses an unreasonable risk to commit future violence and acts of criminality. Despite a technical categorization as a "non-violent" offense, the crime of burglary is often just as destructive and disruptive to the victims' lives as an assault on their person. Indeed, residential burglary IS an assault on their privacy, sense of well-being, and security. Often, victims are forced to move because they or their children cannot sleep at night for fear that their home is no longer a safe haven. For those without the means to just pick up and move, they must simply deal with the insecurity despite its adverse effect on their lives. It is with this in mind that I ask you to deny early release to Richard Macias.

Inmate Macias has a history of residential burglary and other crimes. In fact, during his arrest for the instant crimes, he was found in possession of firearms that were stolen in yet another residential burglary. It is well known that most guns used in violent crimes are acquired in residential and other types of burglaries. Thus, even if Inmate Macias never personally inflicted physical violence on his victim, he still was willingly part of a chain of events that very often contributes to gun violence in our State.

His prior conviction for residential burglary demonstrates that this was not a random occurrence, or a momentary lapse in judgment for Macias. He is a burglar who steals not only people's property, but also their peace of mind. Releasing him early will only serve to convince Macias that society does not take the violation of our citizens' most private sanctuary seriously. We must insist that he complete the full sentence that he himself agreed to serve. Only then may he begin to understand the consequences of his actions, while allowing the community at large to sleep better in their beds at night.

As we are given 30 days to respond and are not provided with any recent disciplinary history aside from the previous denial of parole, I cannot comment on Inmate Macias' prison conduct over the

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last few months. However, BPH noted in Inmate Macias's previous early parole denial less than one year ago (Nov. 5, 2020) that Inmate Macias committed battery of a prisoner with a deadly weapon on January 4, 2018. This was and remains an aggravating factor for the Board's consideration.

As past conduct is the best prediction of future conduct, it is abundantly clear that Inmate Macias continues to pose a significant risk to the safety of the community and will continue to engage in criminal conduct. Lastly, Inmate Macias has failed to avail himself of programming focusing on illegal use of narcotics, absent which is an additional factor which points clearly towards additional future criminality. As such, he should not be released as he poses an unreasonable risk of violence or significant future criminal activity. For the safety of the community, parole should be denied.

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Respectfully,

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