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California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation
Division of Rehabilitative Programs
9260 Laguna Springs drive
Elk Grove, CA 95758

ATTN: Jeff Macomber, Secretary
RE: Inmate Devin Calderon, CDC#WH0747

My office successfully prosecuted Devin Calderon for her reckless and dangerous actions on the night of March 14, 2022. On that day, 16-year-old Angel's life was tragically altered. At approximately 1a.m., law enforcement officers were dispatched to an intersection, when they arrived and found Angel, lying in a pool of blood in the roadway. Angel was actively bleeding from her head and shards of a broken headlight were found in the street around her. Angel was rushed to the hospital and taken into surgery with a brain bleed. She was placed on life support in a medically induced coma with brain swelling and severe brain trauma. As a medical team worked tirelessly to save Angel's life, law enforcement worked to find the person responsible for this crime. The investigation led officers to Devin Calderon.

That night, Devin Calderon chose to get behind the wheel of a lifted truck, with off road tires, and a diesel engine. She weaponized this vehicle and ran Angel over as she was walking her dog. Devin Calderon fled the scene initially, only to return a short time later, and collided into a patrol car that was on scene. Devin Calderon had a .22 blood alcohol concentration level. Perhaps the most egregious fact of all is Devin Calderon attended an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting earlier in the evening, before she made the decision to drive drunk and nearly killed Angel. This was not an accident but a series of deliberate, reckless choices that destroyed a young girl's future.

Angel's injuries left her unable to walk, speak, or even feed herself, requiring over five months of hospitalization and a lifetime of care. Angel now resides in a long-term rehabilitation center in San Francisco. Angel cannot communicate and must be in a wheelchair or in bed. Angel can now breathe on her own but needs to be fed with a tube in her stomach.

Devin Calderon was convicted of this heinous crime on March 27, 2023, and was sentenced to eight years in prison. However, after serving only 22 months, she is being released to a Community Transitional Reentry Program. As Angel's father, Fernando Renteria, poignantly stated, 'Angel got a life sentence, and this lady is serving less than two years.' This disparity between the crime committed and the consequences served is an affront to justice and a betrayal of the trust placed in our judicial system by victims and their families.



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Organizations like Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) have long emphasized that drunk driving is a 100% preventable crime. Rhonda Campbell from MADD has called for legislative action, stating, 'Maybe the public comes together, and we work on making changes so that these things won't happen to another victim family who has gone through literal hell.' We echo this call for legislative reform to address the systemic failures that allowed Devin Calderon's early release.

The Female Community Reentry Program (FCRP), as currently structured, is a deeply flawed policy. It allows individuals convicted of serious and violent crimes to serve their sentences in supervised facilities outside of prison, minimizing accountability for their actions. The application process is disturbingly simple, requiring only a form submission, and participants can be released after serving a fraction of their original sentence. CDCR claims that this program is not a reward, yet the reality is that Calderon's release sends a clear message to victims like Angel and their families: the system values offender reintegration over victim justice.

Drunk driving is an epidemic that claims countless lives and devastates families. Angel's story is a stark reminder of the enduring pain and injustice faced by victims. Policies like the FCRP must be re-examined and reformed to prioritize the safety of our communities and the rights of victims. There are exclusions enumerated in Title 15, California Code of Regulations that may apply to this inmate's eligibility. Specifically, California Code of Regulations 3078.3(d)(8) provides, "the institution shall consider whether the inmate's notoriety will negatively impact the program." This inmate's release has garnered negative media attention and will continue to do so in conjunction with our office's public opposition to the inmate's early release. In fact, in less than twelve hours our office received over 2,500 signatures from the public opposing this inmate's early release.

We demand that policies like the FCRP be re-examined and reformed to ensure they no longer serve as a means to bypass appropriate sentencing. We strongly urge the immediate rescinding of the decision to release Devin Calderon from prison and order her to serve the balance of her time in custody at the state institution, not a transitional community program. We owe it to Angel, and every victim, to ensure that their suffering is not dismissed, and that public safety is upheld above all else.

Sincerely,

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