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The Honorable Cynthia B. Mausser
Chairman, Parole Board
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Office of Victim Services
770 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43222

RE: Letter of Opposition
Randy Fellows (#A173423) and Fred E. Joseph, Jr. (#A174221)

Dear Chairman Mausser:

I am writing on behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police to strongly oppose the parole of Randy Fellows (#A173423) and Fred E. Joseph, Jr. (#A174221), who were convicted of aggravated murder in the killing of Officer John A. Utlak on 8 December 1982. Parole hearings for these criminals are scheduled for October 2012.

Officer Utlak, a five year veteran with the Niles Police Department in Ohio, made the ultimate sacrifice doing the job he loved—serving and protecting the public. As part of an undercover narcotics investigation, Utlak was meeting with two informants, Fellows and Joseph, when he was fatally wounded by three gunshots and left in the snow to die. Immediately, Fellows and Joseph fled the State before being apprehended by law enforcement several days later in Wyoming. They were subsequently convicted and sentenced to life in prison—a sentence they should both receive.

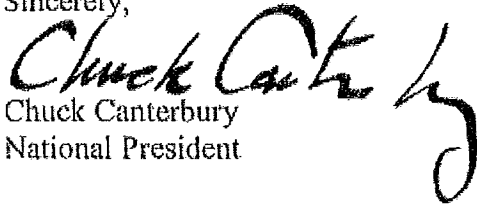
The decision to grant parole to these murderers would be a failure of the Ohio Parole Board's mission to "promote public safety." Allowing Randy Fellows and Fred Joseph's parole would place law enforcement officers and the public at risk. Their history shows absolute disregard for law or life. Law enforcement officers put themselves at risk every day to uphold the law and order of the United States. To release these convicted murderers would disrespect the brave men and women who serve this country each and every day.

On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I strongly urge you to deny these cop-killers their parole. If I can provide you with any further information,

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please do not hesitate to contact me of Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington, DC, office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Canterbury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Chuck Canterbury
National President