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The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor of the State of Washington
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Inslee,

I am writing to you on behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police to urge you to cancel the parole of Jerry Lain (DOC# 238088).

Officer Mike Fitzpatrick was not supposed to live when Jerry Lain stabbed and shot him in 1982. Mr. Lain, who had absconded from parole in Iowa, said that he decided to fight the officer instead of go back to prison. This man has also been found guilty of committing numerous infractions and incidents while incarcerated, including threatening prison staff, saying that he would hurt them if released.

As stated in Governor Gregoire's order to cancel parole in 2010: "Mr. Lain would pose an unreasonable risk to public safety if released from prison." He attacked Officer Fitzpatrick while on parole because he did not want to go back to prison and there is no reason to believe he would not commit the same acts again if confronted by an officer. His release would also be an affront to all law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line every day to protect the public from violent criminals such as Mr. Lain.

On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I urge that you cancel the parole of this violent offender. If I can provide you with any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President