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Theodore Johnson, Chairman
Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole
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cc: The Honorable Joshua Lamancusa, Lawrence County District Attorney
The Honorable Dominick Motto, Lawrence County President Judge
The Honorable Mike Turzai, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Bryan Cutler, Majority Leader
The Honorable Rob Kauffman, Judiciary Committee Chairman

Chairman Johnson,

I write today in response to your comments in an October 9, 2019 article in the New Castle News pertaining to the parole release of Keith Burley. As the State Representative introducing House Bill 1855, known as "Markie's Law" in memory of his eight-year-old victim, I wanted to use your attention on this matter to respectfully request information from your Board. This will assist us as we collaboratively seek reforms to ensure that we minimize egregious violent crimes committed by repeat offenders moving forward.

- What is the process by which each party is contacted regarding the opportunity to provide input to the Parole Board regarding an inmate? This includes but is not limited to judges, district attorneys, prison personnel, and victims' families.
- A copy of the full and complete correspondence(s) with the above-mentioned parties including letters, emails, email read receipts, and any other communication regarding the parole of inmate Burley. This should include complete information that was provided from the Parole Board, the format in which the information was provided, and the response from each party.
- A copy of the complete information that was provided to the Parole Board about inmate Burley throughout the parole process.
- A copy of the complete minutes and/or documentation of each meeting that addressed the parole of inmate Burley.
- A copy of the vote of each Parole Board member that voted in the case of inmate Burley.

I'm sure you agree that it is imperative that we work together on this issue for the safety of our citizens. I would also welcome any input you have on House Bill 1855 based on your professional experience. I look forward to your response by October 25, 2019.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron Bernstine".

Aaron Bernstine
State Representative
10th Legislative District