

## **Young Children Support Letters (Ages 12 and under)**

Young children can write a support letter if they emotionally and mentally fit to do so. Some children have a very difficult time when their parent or step parent is away. Please do not pressure your child to write a letter if they are uncomfortable or afraid to do so. However, if they are excited to write a letter of support, here are a few tips and an example of what to include.

\*General Statement about their feelings \*Something they look forward to doing with their parent/step parent when home.

Please let my Dad come home. I love him and miss him. I can't wait until we can go fishing together.

\*The child's letter can be handwritten. \*Have the child sign/print their name under their letter \*The parent/guardian that allows the child to write the letter should also sign the letter and state the relationship to the child.

Thank you Sam

Jessica Smith

Mother of Sam

## **Example - Child under 12 Support Letters**

January 1, 2018

Please let my dad come home. I love him. I miss him a lot too. I can't wait until he can take me fishing at the lake.

Thank you Sam

Jessica Smith

Mother of Sam

## Teen-Age Children and Young Adult Children Support Letters

\*Address the Parole Board respectfully

Dear Members of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles,

\*Introduction phrase

Please accept this letter on behalf of my Dad. I ask you to consider letting him come home.

\*General Statement about feelings. \*Describe themselves. \*Describe something they look forward to.

\*Thank the board for their time.

Thank you for considering our request to grant parole.

\*Close Letter- The parent/guardian that allows the child to write the letter should also sign the letter and state the relationship to the child.

Sincerely,

Sam

Jessica Smith

Mother of Sam

## Example -Teen and Young Adult Support Letters

January 1, 2018

Dear Members of the Parole Board,

Please accept this letter on behalf of my dad. I ask you to consider granting him parole. My name is Sam and I am 17 years old. My dad has been gone a really long time. I love and miss him.

I want my dad to come home and watch me graduate college. My grades aren't perfect but I have been accepted to community college for an Associate's Degree program. I want to transfer to the University of Houston because they have an engineering program. I hope to get accepted into that because I want to become an engineer. I am doing really well. I do not play sports. But I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. We are very close and supportive of each other. I want my Dad to come home and be a part of my life.

Thank you for considering my dad for parole.

Sincerely,

Sam Smith

Jessica Smith

Mother of Sam