

Louisiana Board of Parole
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October 16 ,2021

My name is Donnell Drinks, I am a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, good neighbor and tax paying citizen. I am also a child formerly sentenced to die in prison. I'm writing in support of Henry Montgomery whose case led to a Supreme Court decision that made my freedom possible.

At 17, I was sentenced to the Death Penalty in Pennsylvania. It was later reduced to a life without parole sentence which I subsequently served 27 ½ years and was released in 2018 following the Supreme Court's decision in *Montgomery v. Louisiana*.

Today I am the Leadership Development and Engagement Coordinator for the CFSY. Which not only allows me to effectively contribute to society but affords me the opportunity to engage with men and women around the country who are doing exception work. Men and women who were sentenced to die as children and with their second chances are productive members of society. I worked for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office as a Crime prevention and Intervention Specialist. I am the cofounder of G.R.O.W.N. GROWN is a community-based outreach and mentoring program for Philadelphia youth. Designed to work as a conduit for change and empowerment, men and women learn through GROWN to demonstrate and highlight their growth and maturity over adverse life situations. Through various projects, the men and women of GROWN exercise their civic responsibilities and continuously strive to better the conditions of their individual communities and society as a whole. My cofounder and four of my mentors are children who were formerly sentenced to die in prison.

Henry has served nearly 58 years in prison and has demonstrated he no longer poses a risk to society. He deserves a chance to live life as a free person, as I have. Please vote to grant him parole.

Thank you for your consideration,

Donnell Drinks

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October 12, 2021

My name is Laura Nicks

I'm writing in support of Henry Montgomery whose case led to a Supreme Court decision that made my freedom possible.

At 17, I was sentenced to life without parole in Arkansas. I served 32 years and was released in 2017; following the Supreme Court's decision in *Montgomery v Louisiana*.

Today, I'm married with a beautiful family. I'm administrator of a support group for former juvenile lifers and their families. I am Regional Connector for Incarcerated Children's ANetwork (ICAN) for my area. I work full time as a Movement Builder; and Volunteer Manager. I'm also a manager in a million dollar company. I say this to say that children sentenced to die in prison for crimes committed as a child have a great propensity for change. And becoming a contributing member of society.

Henry has served nearly 58 years in prison and has demonstrated he no longer poses a risk to society. He deserves a chance to live life as a free person, as I have. Please vote to grant him parole.

Thank you for your consideration,

Laura Nicks

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October 13, 2021

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Members of the Louisiana Board of Parole:

My name is Conrad R. Engweiler. I'm writing in support of Henry Montgomery whose case led to a Supreme Court decision that restored humane and appropriate treatment of youth offenders in the criminal justice system. I do not know Henry personally, but I know that Henry, as a youth offender, is deserving of a second opportunity to live in the community.

My background informs my request. Briefly, at age 15, I was sentenced to life imprisonment with a 30-year minimum without possibility of parole for the crime of aggravated murder. After 25 years in prison, I was released into the community and given a second chance to prove my rehabilitation.

Since my release nearly seven years ago, I have accomplished much. I have started a business employing other formerly incarcerated individuals, completed all the terms of parole without incident, bought two homes, and started a family. All of these positive accomplishments were made possible by members of Oregon's parole board giving me an opportunity to show the person I have become. To be clear, these accomplishments are reflective of my commitment to live accountably for the terrible acts I committed as a child. While I can never erase those harms, the ability to do good and give back to the community in these ways is possibly the only way to truly demonstrate my accountability for and rehabilitation from my crimes.

Henry has served nearly 58 years in prison and has demonstrated he no longer poses a risk to society. Please consider releasing Henry from confinement so that he can, like myself and many other youth offenders, fulfill the second part of his sentence on parole, where he can continue his rehabilitation in the community.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of my letter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully,

/s/ Conrad R. Engweiler
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To Whom It May Concern:

To all the distinguish members of this Board of Parole. I am honored to address each of you at this time. I writing a letter in support of you granting parole eligibility to Mr Henry Montgomery.

The United States Supreme Court in Montgomery v Louisiana January 2016. Helped me realize life is what you make it. I did what i was accused as a child offender. I was a JLWOP in Pennsylvania. I served close to 47 years. I was released April 13, 2017. Since then i am grateful to people like yourselves. Who make decisions when it comes to deciding someone liberty.

I have been given another chance. Now 68 yrs old working with the many communities in Philadelphia. Would you believe me the Philadelphia Mural Arts. Muraled a picture "Returning Citizen" of me on the District Attorney Office wall in Philadelphia. I took that as an honor coming from out of state prison.

Forgiveness is apart of healing and it takes justice. I always said to me and (God) knows best. All i want is one chance to speak with the parole board. They will see my record! They reviewed my records and granted me parole. I am asking as a citizen and former JLWOP. I have prayed for Henry he's often in my thoughts. His life and mines similar in our journey that we both are still traveling; We both were 17 yrs old. His case granted me paroled. I often think about that! I am begging you to reconsider your decision and please grant Mr Henry a chance to be outside again. Thank you and may the Lord (God) forgive all of us.

Best regards,

Michael H. Wilson, CEO
Smokey Mountain Boxing □ Fitness LLC

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My name is Marshan Allen. I'm writing in support of Henry Montgomery whose case led to a Supreme Court decision that made my freedom possible.

At the age of 15, I was sentenced to life without parole in Illinois. I served almost 25 years and was released in 2016 following the Supreme Court's decision in *Montgomery v. Louisiana*. Today, I am a husband and a homeowner. I am also the National Policy Director for Represent Justice. Prior to joining Represent Justice, I was a Research & Policy Fellow with Fair and Just Prosecution (FJP) and, before that, the Policy Director for Restore Justice Foundation (RJ).

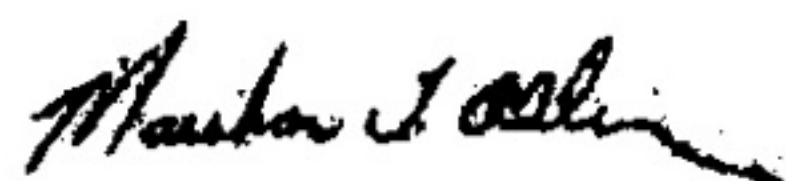
While incarcerated, I assisted the Illinois State Bar Association with the 2006 revision of Post-Trial Remedies: A Handbook for Illinois' Prisoners. I also earned certificates in paralegal studies, business management, computer technology, and restorative justice, and I hold an associate degree from Lake Land College, where I graduated Summa Cum Laude. In August 2020, I graduated from Northeastern Illinois University with a bachelor's in Justice Policy & Advocacy.

In 2018, the Illinois Judges Association presented me with the Recognition of Excellence in Outreach Award, for participating in Your Future, Your Choice, a program designed to teach school-aged children about aspects of the law that they often find themselves in conflict with. In 2019, I received the Liberty Bell Award from the Chicago Bar Association and the Grace Warren Award from the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth (CFSY), where I currently serve on the Board of Directors.

In February 2020, I was appointed by the Governor of Illinois to the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, a federally mandated State Advisory Group to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Illinois Department of Human Services. I am also an active member of the Incarcerated Children's Advocacy Network (ICAN) and the Loyola University Center for Criminal Justice's Emerging Adult Policy and Practice Network. And I am currently in the process of applying to law school.

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Thank you for your consideration,



Marshan Allen

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My name is Louis Gibson,

I'm writing in support of Henry Montgomery whose case led to a Supreme Court decision that made my freedom possible.

At 17, I was sentenced to life without parole in Louisiana. I served 25 years and was released in 2018 following the Supreme Court's decision in *Montgomery v Louisiana*.

Today, [I have been home for three years and two months. I have been actively involved in my community since my release. I am currently a case manager for Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge, I assist formerly incarcerated men who are facing homelessness. I work with the La. Parole Project as a volunteer, to offer peer support to all of their clients, also I assist formerly incarcerated men and women with transitioning back in society.]

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Thank you for your consideration,
Louis Gibson