

Template Letter to ask that James (Glenn) Barlow be released on parole

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Governor's Office, Executive Office Building
Pago Pago, AS
American Samoa 96799

RE: Please grant parole for James (Glenn) Barlow

Honorable Governor Lolo Moliga and Honorable Parole Board of American Samoa:

Who you are and how you know him

[Where did you meet, what his importance and contribution to you or society was during the time you have known him]

Health concerns (Pick a few, not all)

[Glenn Barlow has aged beyond his 72 years as a result of his 8 years in an unclean, unsafe facility. He was attacked and nearly killed by other inmates, entirely unprovoked since he has kept to himself throughout his incarceration. He lost half his teeth and was severely injured during 17 assaults since 2012. He continues to suffer from PTSD and headaches as a result of head trauma caused by the assaults. A medical examination shows he has a brain aneurysm that puts him at risk every single day. All doctors agree that another assault — any kind of head trauma — could cause his aneurysm to rupture, causing death rapidly without emergency surgery. His doctor told the American Samoa Court that the specialist doctors and equipment needed to treat a brain aneurysm are not available in American Samoa. Without parole, Glenn is likely to die in jail far sooner than he would otherwise. American Samoa government will have given him a death sentence for the crime of being gay.]

Why Glenn is in danger in jail

[Apart from the health reasons listed above, Glenn is at high risk of death or injury from the prison population. He's not like the other prisoners. He's university educated, a pacifist, an avid reader and a spiritual person. His presence can only cause disruption and problems because he doesn't belong, is unable and ill-equipped to make any friends, and will never incur empathy or sympathy from his fellow inmates.]

Why he's a safe person to release

[Were Glenn to be released, explain how he would be received by a very large and supportive friendship circle who would be able to look after Glenn and ensure his re-integration into society would be supportive. Stress he is a non-violent person with no record of violence or even the disposition to harm anyone. He is an asset to society, not a liability.]

Pull on the heartstrings and close

[Reiterate this is a loving man with a loving supportive community awaiting him. He is a threat to no one, and given the opportunity, could still make a positive difference in the community. Offer that they need not hesitate to contact you at [phone] or [e-mail] for any further elaboration of the information you have provided here.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

NAME