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RE: Eddie Matos, DIN # 90T4422

Dear Members of the Parole Board:

On behalf of the Detectives' Endowment Association, Inc. (DEA), I urge you to <u>deny</u> parole to New York State prisoner Eddie Matos, currently serving a 25-years-to-life sentence for mercilessly killing a New York City Police Officer in cold blood.

On October 17, 1989, Eddie Matos and three other accomplices attempted to burglarize a McDonald's fast food restaurant at Seventh Avenue near 40th Street in midtown Manhattan. In the wee hours of the morning, they used a sledge hammer to smash open the glass doors, only to surprise six McDonald's construction workers. The robbers herded the workers at gunpoint into a back room where they then tried to open a safe, but one of the workers escaped and ran to Times Square, where he found

three Police Officers, including P.O. Anthony T. Dwyer of the Midtown South Precinct.

The Officers ran to the McDonald's and crawled through the shattered glass doors, where they apprehended one of the burglars. Matos and another perpetrator crawled up a ladder to the roof. P.O. Dwyer followed. In the ensuing struggle, Matos pushed Dwyer over a two-foot railing, killing him. Dwyer's crumpled body torturously lay in a ventilation shaft until emergency rescue: his bones broken and his internal organs ruptured. Within a period of time, Officer Dwyer died from his wounds.

Now, perpetrator Eddie Matos thinks he deserves parole. This is an affront to the family of Officer Dwyer, to all the members of law enforcement, and to law-abiding citizens everywhere. Officer Dwyer, who was survived by grieving parents and siblings, was only 23 years old at the time of his death. He spent his short professional and personal life in public service: as a member of the NYPD, and as a volunteer firefighter on Long Island. He also taught religious studies at his local parish.

Eddie Matos made life choices, too: becoming a career criminal, a robber, and a copkiller. He is housed at the Green Haven Correctional Facility in New York State. The DEA urges the New York State Division of Parole to fulfill its obligation to safeguard the citizens of New York by keeping cop-killers like Eddie Matos behind bars *for life*.

Sincerely,

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Scott Munro President

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