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Governor Scott Walker
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Also via Governor's website

Dear Governor Walker:

With the resignation of Dean Stensberg, the Wisconsin Parole Commission no longer has a Chair. This position must be filled in order for the Commission to function and for eligible offenders to be released on parole. The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin urges you to promptly appoint a competent person to serve as head of the Commission.

The Department of Corrections has about 3,000 offenders who were sentenced before the Truth in Sentencing law became effective in January 2000. As part of the law that was in place when these offenders were sentenced, these individuals are eligible for review and release in a timely manner. This cannot happen if there is not a functioning Parole Commission and the result may be justice denied.

We have long been concerned about the enormous costs associated with our Department of Corrections. By impeding appropriate release of pre-Truth In Sentencing offenders, the state is continuing to add costs to that budget.

We urge you to move promptly and appoint a qualified Chairperson for the Parole Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Kaminski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea Kaminski
Executive Director