

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
LEGISLATORS TODARO, MILLS, GREENE, LORIGO**

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RE: Calling on the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to change their decision to release convicted murderer Chad Campbell in Erie County

WHEREAS, In September of 1991, Chad Campbell was convicted of second-degree murder by a Wayne County jury of his peers for the 1990 murders of a 15-year-old girl and the 17-month-old baby boy she was babysitting; and

WHEREAS, Chad Campbell intentionally contacted his victim and lured her to meet him at a local middle school where he raped her, stabbed her forty-four times and slashed her throat ear to ear which resulted in her death; and

WHEREAS, Chad Campbell then repeatedly stabbed the 17-month-old baby boy his victim was babysitting and slashed his throat which resulted in his death; and

WHEREAS, Chad Campbell is still alive and therefore has not completed his sentence of 18 years to life in prison and has been previously denied a discretionary early release on parole by the New York State Parole Board after they considered all factors with his most recent release denial occurring in the Spring of 2025; and

WHEREAS, after being denied discretionary early release on parole, convicted murderer Chad Campbell appealed the decision of the New York State Parole Board, causing the board to review his case and ultimately, on May 21, 2025, affirm their decision stating *“after considering all required factors and principles, the Board acted within its discretion in determining release would not satisfy the standards provided for by Executive Law Section 259-1(2)(c)(A);”* and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the New York State Parole Board considered his age at the time of the offense and unanimously determined that *“aggravating factors, as well as official and community opposition [to his release], outweighed [his] young age at the time of the instant offenses and subsequent growth, and positive institutional record;”* and

WHEREAS, On May 21, 2025, less than one year ago, the New York State Parole Board unanimously decided denying convicted murderer Chad Campbell’s discretionary release was warranted and declared that his release would *“deprecate the serious nature of his crime and undermine respect for the law;”* and

WHEREAS, in their decision to deny discretionary release, the New York State Parole Board identified the aggravating factors they considered and they include *“that there are multiple victims; one of the victims was only 17 months old; that [Chad Campbell] ‘lured’ his female victim with intent to hurt her; [Chad Campbell] took a knife to the location [Chad Campbell] raped her and then repeatedly stabbed her and the defenseless toddler; after commission of this horrible killing, [Chad Campbell] rode his bike home, changed his clothes, washed up, and went to a soccer game as though nothing had happened; and the irreparable harm [Chad Campbell] caused the multiple victim’s families, friends and community at large by his heinous and immoral act,”* and concluded that, *“[Chad Campbell’s] actions in the instant offense(s) showed a lack of humanity and disregard for human lives;”* and

WHEREAS, the New York State Parole Board adopted a rule change to their parole determination process that dramatically altered the way they consider parole in the case of offenders who committed violent crimes as minors; and

WHEREAS, under the rule change, the New York State Parole Board is now forced to place great weight on an offender's age and brain development at the time the crime was committed rather than the danger they pose to society, the seriousness of their crime(s), or the impact their crime(s) had on victims; and

WHEREAS, changing the rules on how the New York State Parole Board must consider applications for parole in this way allowed for convicted murderer Chad Campbell to be granted parole; and

WHEREAS, because of a belief that Chad Campbell is a danger to society, the Wayne County District Attorney and several other local officials opposed his release in Wayne County causing the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to make the discretionary decision to release him in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, On March 1, 2022 the Less Is More Act went into full effect in New York State which creates a pathway for parolees to finish parole earlier through a system in which they can earn time credits for good behavior, allowing a parolee to cut his supervised parole time in half, allowing a scenario where Chad Campbell will be living in Erie County without any supervision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby determines that the decision to release convicted murderer Chad Campbell is incompatible with the welfare of society and deprecates the seriousness of his crime; and

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature goes on record opposing the decision of officials at the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to release Chad Campbell in Erie County as a result of his parole; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature formally requests that New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Commissioner Daniel F. Martuscello immediately reverse the discretionary decision to release convicted murderer Chad Campbell in Erie County and finds an alternate solution to meet the terms of his parole; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to DOCCS Commissioner Daniel F. Martuscello, DOCCS Deputy Commissioner for Community Supervision Marco Ricci, Board of Parole Chairman Darryl C. Towns, and New York State Probation and Parole District 5 Supervisor Dawn Anderson.

Sourced Material:

- NYS Board of Parole Appeals Unit Finding and Recommendations D196R0119, Appeal Control No: 12-005-24B
- NYS Board of Parole Administrative Appeal Decision-5/21/25
- Section 8002.8 of Title 9 N.Y.C.R.R.