

May 26, 2010

Mr. Bill Wynne, Jr., Chairman  
Alabama Board of Pardons & Parole  
P. O. Box 302405  
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Mr. Wynne:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing in regards to the upcoming parole hearing for Edward Russell Dubose, and respectfully asking that parole be denied to Mr. Dubose. I am unable to attend the hearing (as I did five years ago) due to unalterable prior commitments. If this were not the case, I would certainly be present to speak at the proceedings. Please allow this letter to serve as a substitute for my voice.

I write this letter as a friend to the King family, as a fellow Christian, and as a member of the graduating class of 1989 at T.R. Miller High School in Brewton, Alabama. Ours is Stephanie's class; she was my friend and classmate when she was murdered by Mr. Dubose twenty-two years ago.

As a Christian, it is my belief that our God is a God of mercy, and a God of justice. Each of these two concepts has no meaning without the other. In a state that exercises the death penalty, it is an act of mercy that Mr. Dubose has retained the gift of his life. And it is an act of justice that he must spend that life behind bars, bearing the punishment for his crime: kidnapping, raping, and murdering Stephanie Marie King.

In the name of mercy, and in the name of justice, allow me to formally ask that parole be denied to Mr. Dubose. It is my hope and prayer that God blesses Mr. Dubose; that God allows him to know forgiveness, and redemption, and reconciliation. But all those things can and should take place in prison.

Thank you for your time, and may God Bless you in your work.

Sincerely,