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Ms. Debbie Curtis, Director of Victim Services
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Ref: Inmate Larry Blackwell (SCDC # 00176790)

Dear Ms. Curtis,

I am writing to formally oppose parole for inmate Larry Blackwell (SCDC # 00176790) on April 14, 2021. Mr. Blackwell was found guilty of murder during a Spartanburg County jury trial that occurred in May of 1992 and he received a well-deserved life prison sentence. Mr. Blackwell brutally stabbed a 67-year-old Greer man to death about 2 weeks after he finished serving a drug-related prison sentence. The inmate has proven his inability to be re-habilitated and conform to the laws of our state. He needs to spend the rest of his life behind bars. I prosecuted the murder case while working as an assistant solicitor and the court proceeding is one I will never forget due to the violent manner of the death and the fact that Mr. Blackwell threatened to kill me and my wife after he was sentenced. Fellow inmates in the Department of Corrections reported the threats and the State Law Enforcement Division investigated the matter.

I want to express my appreciation to the parole board for their continued efforts to make our state a safer place to live and work. I'm proud of the fact our state's criminal justice community has worked together to record noteworthy decreases in the occurrence of crime over the past decade and I want to see the numbers continue to improve. A key to community safe is keeping Larry Blackwell and others like him in prison.

Thank you for your understanding about my absence. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance on any note.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry Barnette".

Barry Barnette
Solicitor

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