**FULL NAME**

**STREET ADDRESS**

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April 22, 2021

TO: Mayor & Councilmembers of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of Keep NJ Safe and Paul Montelaro

RE: Requesting Your Support in Efforts to Oppose the Release of Dangerous Rapist/Murderer Christopher Righetti

As a resident of [TOWN NAME], I am writing as a representative of the Keep NJ Safe Foundation to request your participation in our grassroots effort to oppose the parole of Christopher Righetti, a dangerous criminal from River Vale, NJ who was convicted of the abduction, rape and brutal murder of 20-year-old New Milford resident Kim Montelaro on August 31, 1976. Righetti was already a repeat offender at the time of Kim's murder, he has never shown any remorse for his crime, and he remains a danger to the community.

Along with Kim's brother, Paul, Keep NJ Safe and residents like me have been working to gather community support to urge the Parole Board to deny Righetti's parole. As of this writing, our online petition has received over 3,000 signatures in just one week. Elected officials across New Jersey have also lent their support to the Montelaros, and I would greatly appreciate it if my own representatives in [TOWN NAME] would join me in this worthwhile fight.

The deadline for public comment to the NJ Parole Board is May 5, 2021. Attached is a sample Resolution for your consideration. \*If you are unable to pass this resolution in time for the comment deadline, please send a letter to the NJ Parole Board at the following address:. NJ State Parole Board, P.O. Box 862, Trenton NJ 08625 ATTN: Tanya Milton, Victim Services Coordinator. Please be sure to reference Christopher Righetti by name and Prisoner #59431.

Thank you for lending your voices to this effort to keep a dangerous killer in jail, and for helping to keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

[FULL NAME]

On behalf of the Keep NJ Safe Foundation and Paul Montelaro

[www.keepnjsafe.org](http://www.keepnjsafe.org)

**[INSERT NAME OF MUNICIPALITY]**

**Resolution**

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**Title: Support to Deny Parole for Christopher Righetti, Prisoner#59431**

**WHEREAS,** on August 31, 1976, Kim Montelaro, a resident of New Milford, Bergen County, then 20 years old, was forcibly abducted, brutally assaulted and murdered by repeat offender, Christopher Righetti; and

 **WHEREAS**, Christopher Righetti, Prisoner # 59431, is currently incarcerated for the killing of Kim Montelaro; and

 **WHEREAS,** Christopher Righetti has gone many times before the Parole Board of Northern State Prison. His release was denied each time, as the parole board found that Christopher Righetti was unwilling to take responsibility for abducting, assaulting and murdering Kim Montelaro; and

 **WHEREAS,** Christopher Righetti has never shown any remorse for his crime and has made no substantial progress in addressing the issues that led him to murder Kim Montelaro and has demonstrated a substantial risk for recidivism; and

 **WHEREAS,** Kim’s family should not be made to relive this horrible crime every few years when there is a parole hearing. They continue to suffer unnecessarily on Christopher Righetti’s account; and

 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the efforts of the Montelaro Family, [INSERT MUNICIPALITY NAME HERE] hereby supports the position that Christopher Righetti should not be granted parole and should serve out the full remainder of his life sentence. The abduction, rape and murder of an innocent young woman is a serious crime that demands justice; and the family of Kim Montelaro should be given the peace of mind of knowing that their daughter’s murderer will remain behind bars for the rest of his life, as ordered by the court.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that [INSERT MUNICIPALITY NAME HERE] hereby abides by the conclusion that Christopher Righetti be denied parole and be made to serve out his life sentence, otherwise this creates a grave injustice to the family of Kim Montelaro as well as to society.

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association, the New Jersey PBA, the Office of the Bergen County Prosecutor, Keep NJ Safe, and to Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr of the New Jersey State Parole Board.

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Adopted: [DATE]

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[NAME OF CLERK] Mayor [NAME]

 Municipal Clerk