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Board of Parole Hearings  
P.O. Box 4036  
Sacramento, Ca. 95812-4036  
Attn: Correspondence NVSS

Re: NVSS Derek Dixxon Fletcher CDCR#AX1988

Dear Board:

We received notification via letter sent March 22, 2016 that the above-named inmate is being considered for early parole release after serving 50% of his sentence. We object because he is unsuitable, and would present a substantial danger to public safety if released now.

Inmate Fletcher is currently serving a four year sentence for his fourth DUI offense within ten years. Despite the fact that DUI is not considered a violent offense, inmate Fletcher is a violent felon and the early release program should not apply to him. His EPRD appears to be 10/2/2018, and that should remain in place. He was just sentenced in April 2015 in case#14C38202 to the four years.

Fletcher's prior offense in 2001 is anything but nonviolent. In that case, while intoxicated, he assaulted his then-girlfriend with a firearm, discharging the weapon, which resulted in felony charges. He then attempted to convince her not to testify and to drop her restraining order. At that time, he had three prior misdemeanor DUI convictions, occurring in 1985, 1988, and 1989. Thus it is clear that the fourth DUI conviction he is currently serving a sentence for is actually his seventh. He is clearly a threat to public safety and it is obvious he has never addressed his severe, lifelong alcohol abuse.

This inmate poses a serious risk to public safety and should not be given the benefits of early release on parole.

Sincerely,  
Dan Dow  
District Attorney

By: Linda Dunn  
Deputy District Attorney