

Family Support Letter Template (One Page)

Keep it **specific**, **credible**, and **aligned** with the parole plan. Avoid minimizing the offense or attacking the process.

1) Header

[Your Full Name]

[Your Address]

[City, State ZIP]

[Phone] • [Email]

[Date]

Board of Parole Hearings (BPH)

Re: Support for [Full Name], CDCR #[Number] — Hearing on [Date if known]

2) Relationship + credibility

I am [relationship] of [Name]. I have known him/her/them for [X years] and remain in contact via [visits/calls/mail]. This letter is based on my personal observations and ongoing support.

3) What you've observed about change

In my experience, [Name] has shown change through consistent effort over time, accountability, and practical coping skills. Examples include:

- [Specific program completed + what was learned/applied]
- [How conflict/stress is handled differently now]
- [Steps taken toward empathy, responsibility, repair]

4) Concrete support you will provide

If released, I can provide the following support (only include what you can truly do):

- Housing: [address / room / rules / length of stay]
- Transportation: [rides to parole appointments, treatment, work]
- Employment/finances: [job leads, budgeting help, benefits support]
- Treatment support: [scheduling, accountability check-ins]
- Boundaries: [house rules, curfew, technology limits if relevant]

5) Accountability + safety posture

I understand the seriousness of the commitment offense and the importance of public safety. My support is structured and conditional: I will reinforce treatment, compliance with parole conditions, and a stable routine. If concerns arise, I will take appropriate steps including contacting supervising professionals.

6) Close

Thank you for considering this letter. I am available if the Board needs additional information.

Respectfully,

[Signature if mailing]

[Printed Name]

Avoid: minimizing the offense, blaming victims, attacking commissioners/DA, or promises you cannot keep.