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Maryland Parole Commission
6776 Reisterstown Road
Suite 307
Baltimore, MD 21215

Re: Heather Cook Case 15035007; Please deny parole

Dear Parole Commission:

Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (“BikeAAA”) is an all-volunteer 501c3 with over 700 members that advocates for safe cycling for transportation, recreation and fitness. We promote safe cycling through education, events and advocating for safer places to ride. Sadly, we also get involved in crashes and court cases involving drivers and cyclists. A number of our members and I rode in the memorial ride for Tom Palermo, father of two who was killed and left to die by drunk and distracted driver Heather Cook.

The purpose of incarceration is to punish the offender, provide justice for the victims, protect the public, rehabilitate the offender and deter others from committing the same crime. Allowing parole after only 25% of a 7 year sentence where a man was killed does not fulfill any of these objectives. This is especially true given Ms. Cook’s history, decision to drive impaired and intentional hit-and-run. Please deny parole for Ms. Cook now and until all five objectives are met.

Sincerely,

Jon Korin
President
Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County