

To Whom it May Concern

I have been Melissa Bolger's partner for 2 and a half years. In that time I have grown to love her and her family immensely. Her well being and the well being of her family is something that concerns me greatly. The loss of Melissa's mother is something that effects her on a daily basis. Its something that she carries inside, coloring everything she does, a deep sadness and anger for a life torn from her by the hands of another.

When I heard that the murderer of her mother, Carolyn Bolger, was up for parole, I was torn. While I do believe in paying one's debt to society and the rehabilitation of prisoners, I am always led back to the life sentence that Melissa, Tim, Joe, Stephen, and Megan have been straddled with, selfishly, by the hands of Raul Higgins. It is a life sentence with no chance of parole. They will always be weighted down with the deep loss of their mother. No guidance in life, as a mother often gives their children, no memories of her growing old and seeing the beauty of their children as they blossom into adults. My heart aches for Stephen and Megan who barely got to know their mother, did not feel her embrace on their graduation from grade school, high school, as they got their driver's license and so many milestone memories in a child's life.

Melissa, Tim and Joe have done their best to see that their two young siblings have some semblance of guidance to navigate this increasingly difficult world. But this pales in comparison to the loving touch and instruction that a mother can give. But that experience was ripped from them by murderous hands.

Each day, in Melissa, I see how this loss has tempered the existence of these five, now adults, as they struggle to cope with the world without that one entity that should always be there for you. It angers me that this was ripped away from them. But my anger pales in comparison to the concern I have for Carolyn's five children, for what is a life changing event. The sadness, anger, and loss could now be added to with the very real emotion of fear. Fear that the murderer of their only mother on this earth, could possibly be freed into the world that they have so struggled to make sense of and carve out some semblance of normalcy amidst the horribleness that was dealt to them at the hands of Raul Higgins.

I am concerned greatly for the safety of Melissa whom I love dearly, and those of her sibilings whom I have grown to love. Who knows what thoughts lie in the mind of someone who can take a life so easily, someone who stole the mother away from these five souls. These five souls who have been given a life sentence of not seeing their mother as she grows into a sage adult.

For the sake of these five children, whose lives have been so affected by the dangerous hands of Raul Higgins, I hope that the parole board sees that the life sentence of anger, loss, sadness and grief, should now NOT be saddled with the more compelling emotion of fear. Fear, that the new families that have and may spring out of this tragedy and heinous crime should not be burdened by the release of Raul Higgins who so selfishly, heinously and grievously stole the life of their mother, Carolyn Bolger.

Thank you for your time,
Sincerely
Greg Serpa