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My name is Robin Bolger and I am Tim's wife and the mother of two of Carolyn's grandchildren. Finding the time and space to write yet another letter is extremely challenging and the emotional toll it takes is nearly impossible to explain. I am writing this again, out of fear.

Raul Higgins (P-29949) has served 22 years of his life sentence. Our family has attended three parole hearings and we are here at a fourth, only eighteen months after our last. We need to keep this inmate incarcerated. We need support from the system. He is not fit for parole. We are tortured by our prison system. Our government and taxpayers spend time and money on his behalf and we, the victims, are forced to relive his heinous crime and defend justice on our own. We need the honored parole board to understand the wake this leaves behind, it is inhuman to make us suffer. Please deny his parole and please set the next hearing in fifteen years.

On October 8, 2019, Governor Newsom stated, "Mr. Higgins' insight into the factors that led him to his crime is insufficient. He feels entitled to women and views them as possessions. He has resentment towards his mother, has fears of rejection, desperation and abandonment which are motivators for past violent behaviors. He is still triggered and hurt by the fear of rejection. He has a history of drug abuse. His ability to engage in healthy intimate relationships has warranted highly relevant concern. In a controlled environment, he can continue to participate in self-help programs to develop an understanding of his risk factors. Mr. Higgins currently poses an unreasonable danger to society."

If this inmate were released, the board would be telling all the victims and our children that rage and entitlement are acceptable, that murder is acceptable, that murderers get released. Releasing him means imprisoning all of us in fear and unjust. We should not be held victims time and time again in parole hearings. Where is the empathy? Where is justice? The more this family has to write letters, make courtroom appearances, fight for justice in front of a parole board, the more the good memories of their childhoods, of their precious time with their young mom is forgotten.

In the 2014 hearing transcript on page 28, Inmate Higgins states, "I believe that I needed, you know, women to meet my needs. So I chose to use women, whatever I needed from them, I manipulated my way into the relationship and used them as much as I could, financially, sexually. And I kept doing it because it worked." On page 31, Inmate Higgins states, "There were, and I would like to clarify that, there were two incidents before, where I did the same choking behavior, domestic violence, where police reports were just written and when I look at those relationships that I used extreme physical violence, those are the relationships that seemed more serious to me, that I had more (inaudible)"

A conversation between the Inmate and Commissioner on page 36: Inmate Higgins: Because Joseph didn't like me. Commissioner Richardson: Do you know why? Yes. Why?

Inmate Higgins: Because I was, I was a monster. I was manipulative, I was fake, and he saw right through my bull. And in my sick mind, there was nobody that could convince me that my behavior was wrong, because I believed it wasn't.

Commissioner: What did you believe?

Inmate Higgins: I believed I was entitled to do what I needed to do to get my way. I wanted that attention, and no matter how unhealthy it was, I was gonna use it.

On page 40: “Inmate Higgins: I wanted to just end it. My life wasn’t worth it, after what I did to Carolyn. And then, I fled the scene, drove home knowing I was a lethal weapon.” Let’s remember that this inmate potentially could have harmed dozens of others on his rampage. His capacity for destruction is endless. Carolyn knew this. We all still know this and therefore we will always be here.

I’d like to end with Commissioner Richardson’s statement on page 161 of the transcript: “Mr. Higgins has demonstrated good behavioral control in prison; future acts of violence will likely occur within the context of conflicted interpersonal relationships in which he feels his ego is slighted and/or experiences a sense of abandonment, and that, as I’ve indicated earlier, this panel thought there were some still lingering control issues.”

To the members of this board, Protect us, uphold justice for Carolyn and the heinousness of her murder. Do not grant parole. Please do everything in your power to mitigate these painful parole hearings. This is our system too, we deserve justice. Raul Higgins killed Carolyn Bolger with his bare hands, that is forever.

Robin Bolger  
(wife of Tim Bolger)