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Commissioner Charles Massarone
United States Parole Commission
United States Department of Justice

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Re: John Boone (#20525-008) Parole Hearing

Dear Commissioner Massarone:

On behalf of the District of Arizona, I write to strongly oppose inmate John W. Boone's early release from prison. In April 1987, Boone plead guilty to Aggravated Sexual Abuse with Children and Abusive Sexual Contact with Children and was sentenced to life imprisonment. This office handled the criminal prosecution along with the civil litigation.

As you are undoubtedly aware, John W. Boone (Boone) was employed as a Bureau of Indian Affairs school teacher in Polacca Village on the Hopi Indian reservation for roughly nine years. During this time, he sexually abused or took nude photographs of approximately 142 boys. The victims were between the ages of five and twelve years old. Like many sex offenders, Boone befriended the young boys, their families and many in the community. He gained their trust through coaching teams, giving gifts, taking trips and paying special attention to the victims. Boone wholly abused his position of trust in the community. The trauma of Boone's crimes is still felt by victims, their families, and community members.

To help address the harm caused by Boone, the civil case settled for approximately \$13 million dollars, part of the civil settlement included \$250,000 for a professional community healing program and nearly \$6 million dollars set aside for psychological care, substance abuse treatment and education funding for the victims. A total of fifty-eight families sued the United States for injuries caused by the sexual abuse. The impact of Boone's horrendous acts has caused generational trauma on the victims and the Hopi Tribe, making his potential early release incomprehensible.

Boone's requested early release is not only a risk to the public but against the interest of justice. I join the Hopi Tribe in urging you to deny his release.

Please do not hesitate to call me or the Tribal Liaison, Kiyoko Patterson, should you have any questions or concerns or need additional information. [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,



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cc: Lamar Keevama, Chairman, Hopi Tribe
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