

To: Mr. Robert Graber, Clerk
Erie County Legislature

From: Ms. Karima Amin, Director
Prisoners Are People Too

Date: January 11, 2011

Re: Recommendation for Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dear Mr. Graber:

As the Director of Prisoners Are People Too (PRP2), a recognized organization working on behalf of prisoners' rights since June of 2005, I would like to recommend that **Rev. Eugene L. Pierce** be appointed to the Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board. I have worked with him for the last four years as a member of PRP2 and as a member of the Erie County Prisoners Rights Coalition, of which I am the Co-Chair. Rev. Pierce serves as Consultant.

He came to serve both organizations with a wealth of information, having formerly worked as the Deputy Superintendent of the Erie County Correctional Facility in Alden and as founder of Buffalo Halfway House (serving parolees), founded in 1974 and incorporated in 1983. I value his sterling character and I appreciate his willingness to serve the community. He is enthusiastic, compassionate, and very knowledgeable about the issues that concern us regarding just and humane treatment of all people, including those who are confined.

I am respectfully submitting this recommendation, including Rev. Pierce's contact information: 68 West Toulon Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14227, 716-668-6824, cell-361-6845, eugenepierce@verizon.net.

