

Sin ^{by} Silence

ONE LETTER = A DIFFERENCE

You have gotten to know LaVelma Byrd and Joanne Marchetti through their stories in *Sin by Silence*. In the next couple of weeks they will both be going before the Parole Board to plea for their freedom. By writing a letter of support you can help them achieve the freedom they deserve!

* Sample letter included below. Please utilize business letterhead, if possible.



LAVELMA BYRD

"I'm left on this earth for a reason, because God wasn't finished with my life. I'm now able to help others stand up and stop the abuse within their home. Let us no longer suffer in silence, but speak up and say enough is enough!"

This is the first time, in 16 years, that LaVelma will go before the parole board. She continues to make a difference by helping lead the prison chapel, as well as support groups including Convicted Women Against Abuse.



JOANNE MARCHETTI

"I am not a victim anymore. I am a survivor, and hope I can be a voice to all those who are still in bondage. We have to stop the violence - even if it is with one story and one voice at a time. We need your support, and I offer you mine!"

JoJo has been incarcerated for the past 22 years. She continues to make a difference through being part of the Puppy Program by training guide dogs for disabled children. She is also taking college courses to earn her A.A. degree from Chaffey College.

Please send 2 copies of your letter of support to...

Joanne Marchetti
CIW, W36662, WA802U
16756 Chino-Corona Rd.
Corona, CA 92880-9508

LaVelma Byrd
CIW, W54191, LB318L
16756 Chino-Corona Rd
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(INSERT DATE)

Board of Prison Terms
C/O Pam Clark, C&PR, CIW
PO Box 6000
Corona, CA 92878-6000

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask you to find _____ suitable for parole. She has made a tremendous impact on my life, and I believe that she deserves to be released.

I have gotten to know _____ over the past year through writing her after seeing the film *Sin by Silence*. Her story has changed my life because.... ***(please explain the impact)***

I believe in the woman that _____ has become and believe that she deserves freedom.
(insert closing statements)

Sincerely,

(sign your name & include contact information)