March 30, 2017

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: LABRON C. NEAL

With no hesitation, I strongly recommend Labron C. Neal for early release from his Life Sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

I am a past president of the Carbondale NAACP Branch. I have known Labron for nearly twenty years. I am aware that when Labron was 17 years old, he was convicted and received a Life Sentence without Parole for the murder of two teens in 1997. Since that conviction, Labron has been incarcerated in the Illinois Department of Corrections. More importantly, I know that Labron has been a model inmate during the time that he has been in prison.

I can say with a great amount of certainty that Labron is a changed person today and that now he actively works to right the wrongs of his past. A product of Labron’s commitment to good behavior is the Fall Back Movement which Labron created while in custody. The Fall Back Movement is an initiative that aims to steer individuals away from drugs, gangs and violence. Fall Back calls for criminals, gang members, drug dealers, ex-cons, and others to simply “Fall Back,” which in this context means to withdraw from all criminal and destructive activity.

Fall Back has been growing throughout Illinois. In one particular year, Fall Back was responsible for more than 200 inmates renouncing their gang affiliations and pledging to obey the law. Former Illinois Governor Pat Quinn was one of several officials who publicly acknowledged the positive impact that Fall Back had within the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Considering the above, I strongly believe that Labron has paid his debt to society and that now it is time for him to be forgiven for the 1997 conviction and its life time penalty. Feel free to contact me (1) by email at: eddorsey@hotmail.com or (2) by phone at (618) 773-5150.

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The Fall Back Movement aims at helping wayward youth.