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RE: Letter of Opposition
John Ruzas (DIN# 75C0385)

Dear Members of the Parole Board,

I am writing to you on behalf of the National Troopers Coalition (NTC), which represents more than 40,000 members. The NTC strongly opposes the parole of John Ruzas (DIN# 75C0385), who was convicted of second-degree murder in the shooting death of New York State Trooper Emerson Dillon on October 24, 1974. The parole hearing for Ruzas is scheduled for the week of November 14, 2011.

NTC members share a unique understanding of the danger faced by our fellow law enforcement officers across the United States, and we support the brave and often thankless work completed by police officers each and every day.

Trooper Emerson Dillon made the ultimate sacrifice doing the job he loved, of serving and protecting the public. He was on routine patrol when he initiated a traffic stop, unaware the occupants of the vehicle had been involved in a jewelry store robbery. Ruzas, a passenger in the vehicle, shot Dillon and killed him. It is abundantly clear that Ruzas has no respect for the law or the brave and heroic officers who enforce the law, as he was already on parole for his role in two other robberies when he shot and killed Trooper Dillon.

I speak for the more than 40,000 active and retired members of the NTC, their families and friends when I write that Ruzas should not be granted parole. This man has no respect for the law or the heroic officers who enforce it, and should not be allowed to live freely among law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely,

Dennis Hallion,
Executive Director