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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A and M.G.L. c. 27, § 5, the Parole Board will conduct a public hearing and comment period to gather comments, ideas, and information concerning proposed revisions to 120 CMR 401: Victim Access Hearings.

The purpose of 120 CMR 401 is to outline the procedures for Victim Access Hearings and who may participate in such proceedings. Victim Access Hearings and parole hearings for persons serving life sentences are the only mechanisms for victims to provide in-person information and testimony concerning parole release. The Parole Board has a statutory mandate to hold Victim Access Hearings pursuant to M.G.L. c. 127, §§133C and E. The Parole Board has completed a comprehensive review of its regulations in accordance with Executive Order 562 and accordingly has proposed revisions to 120 CMR 401. A copy of the proposed regulation may be obtained via the Parole Board website at: www.mass.gov/parole. Proposed Amendments to Regulations can be found under Key Resources.

The public hearing concerning revisions to 120 CMR 401 will be held on August 18, 2016, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, at the McCormack State Office Building, 21st Floor Conference Room, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter should appear at the designated time and place.

Public comments will be accepted through Friday, August 19, 2016 at 5:00pm. Please send any comments to Gloriann Moroney, General Counsel, Massachusetts Parole Board, 12 Mercer Road, Natick MA, 01760 or to gloriann.moroney@state.ma.us.