The Drop LWOP Coalition is dedicated to ending life without parole sentencing in California. The goal of the Drop LWOP Coalition is to afford relief to those currently serving life without parole, no matter the conviction, through legislative change, commutations, pardons, resentencing, and public awareness about the injustice of the LWOP sentence.

This year, SB 300 The Sentencing Reform Act of 2021, was introduced in the California legislature. Because SB 300 will need a 2/3 majority vote in the Legislature to pass, it will take a united and determined effort on all our part. If passed, this bill will increase fairness in the justice system by reforming California’s unjust “felony murder special circumstance” law by ensuring that the death penalty or life without the possibility of parole (LWOP) will not be imposed on a person who did not kill or intend that a person die during the commission of a felony, such as robbery or burglary. The bill will also address the injustice of mandatory life without parole sentences by restoring to judges the discretion to impose a parole eligible sentence should they deem it best serves the interest of justice.

SB 300 is a big step towards repealing our unjust LWOP laws, but we know that not everyone will see relief through this new legislation. We want our friends and family inside to know that the Drop LWOP Coalition is committed to ending Life Without Parole for all. We stand united with you to work together until we see the day that we Drop LWOP, once and for all.

In the meantime, you can support SB 300 from inside in two ways:

- Complete the letter of support by filling in the date, your name and CDCR number, your reason for supporting the bill, your address (on second page), and your signature. Mail it to: Ella Baker Center, 1419 34th Ave., #202, Oakland, CA 94601
- Ask your family members, friends, and loved ones to submit a letter of support for SB 300. They can simply email Joanne Scheer at felonymurderproject@yahoo.com and request a support letter template or go to the SB 300 page at www.endFMRnow.org to download one. Letters of support, phone calls, and emails to your legislators are the most valuable tool you have to change this unjust and draconian sentencing law.

If you, or your loved ones are interested in being more directly involved in getting this bill across the finish line, you can use the same methods of communication that are listed above to connect with us. We have also included additional information on the bill below for your information. Thank you in advance and we hope to get your support!

With Love,

The Drop LWOP Coalition