

Hon. Governor Daniel P. Malloy:

Office of the Governor
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford CT 06106

Dear Governor Malloy,

Ibrahim Ghazal was murdered in cold blood at his store in Meriden on June 27. Inmate Frankie Resto, a violent repeat criminal released under the Risk Reduction Earned Credit program, stands accused of this horrible crime.

This tragedy has caused serious concern throughout the state about the wisdom of the program and the method of its implementation. Michelle Cruz, The Connecticut Victim Advocate, stated that this misguided early release scheme is a “danger” to the citizens of our state. Public safety must be our first priority, I urge you to use your executive authority to immediately suspend the Risk Reduction Earned Credit program, pending an investigation into its procedures and a thorough review by the legislature next year.

I do not believe we can afford to wait: the risks of the program have been all too vividly demonstrated, and another such tragedy remains a daily threat. Given the urgency of the danger to the public, I respectfully call on you to act expeditiously.

Sincerely,

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