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August 1, 2025

Lisa Hoying, Esq.
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IN RE: PAUL CZOKA - Inmate #A25830
Trumbull County Case No. 92-CR-219
Continued Hearing: August, 2025
Convictions: Rape (2 counts)
Pandering Obscenity (2 counts)
Sentence: Fourteen (14) to Fifty-Five (55) years
Time Served: 33 years

Dear Attorney Hoying:

In 1992 Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Carol Sopkovich, head of my office's Child Assault Prosecution Unit, successfully prosecuted a career pedophile, inmate Paul Czoka, whose history of bad behavior and crime dates back to 1971. As I previously wrote the Parole Board: "Evidence as far back as to 1971 establishes that Czoka is a picture-ugly lifetime sexual predator." He not only raped children as young as five or six years of age; he also took video tapes and polaroids of some of his depravity and debauchery – which was made available to authorities and made proof of his guilt of his current crimes beyond all doubt! Therefore, as such, he should in our view serve out his maximum prison term to 2047 to protect children and society.

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Please review our attached seven letters dated September 21, 2021, November 21, 2017, March 3, 2009, February 25, 2009, January 28, 2009, and June 7, 2001. Also, on September 9, 1992, Attorney Sopkovich wrote Parole Officer, Ms. Mary Monica Dancak, in Youngstown, Ohio, a letter about Czoka which is included in our materials. In relevant part she closes her letter by saying:

"It is the hope of this office that this Defendant remain incarcerated for the maximum time allowable under the law. If he is released, I fear for the safety of every five and six year old out there. Mr. Czoka, on numerous occasions alleges that he sought "help" for his problems. All of his attempts have either been to pacify the authorities or to make it look like he was trying to change. Once the pressure was off, this Defendant would revert to his prior behaviors. He is a manipulative and controlling individual who preys on those who cannot fight back."

Also, I ask every Parole Board member to read the June 7, 2001 letter of former and late Child Assault Investigator, Sue Allen Stinedurf, who interviewed the victims and worked on the Czoka case in 1992. She in part stated:

"There have been numerous cases and children who have passed through my office. Some cases you forget and some children you forget. This is one case I will never in my life forget. I will not forget those little girls' faces, and how innocent to what was happening to them. I will not forget that deceitful, sly, and cunning grin on Paul Czoka's face. I ask that you each look at these pictures, because this could be anybody's child if you grant an early release to Paul Czoka."

Without much doubt the only reason that Czoka has not molested or raped any other children since 1992 is because he has no access to kids in prison. Please keep him there where he and the "little ones" are safe.

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In closing, Jenna Maze, Administrator of the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office Victim/Witness Division, has been contacted by two different victims or representatives in this case who are strongly objecting to this documented predator's release on parole. Also, we find it interesting that a recent Current Institutional Report Summary has blocked out most of inmate Czoka's Program Participation information except for the few that he had successfully completed. Lastly, please read the victim's statements, which are included, and the other evidence that has been provided to different parole boards over the years. His disgusting acts are too perverse for the community to see again! Therefore, again, please keep him where the safety of all children in all communities is guaranteed!

Thank you for your kind attention and consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Dennis Watkins

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September 21, 2021

Ms. Alicia Handwerk, Chair
Ohio Adult Parole Authority
4545 Fisher Road, Ste. D
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IN RE: PAUL CZOKA-Inst. #A25830
Trumbull County Case No. 92-CR-219
Continued Hearing: October, 2021
Conviction: Rape (2 counts); Pandering
Obscenity (2 counts)
Sentence: Fourteen (14) to Fifty-Five
(55) years
Time Served: 29 years

Dear Ms. Handwerk:

Though this office has written the Board many letters about Paul Czoka over the years, the message has not changed: "Evidence as far back as to 1971 establishes that Czoka is a picture-ugly lifetime sexual predator." As such he should serve out his maximum prison term to 2043 to protect children and society. Since he not only raped children as young as 5 or 6 years of age, but also took video tapes and polaroids of some of his debauchery, he made available to authorities proof of his guilt beyond all doubt. Please review our attached letters dated November 21, 2017, March 3, 2009, February 25, 2009, January 28, 2009, and June 7, 2001.

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Ms. Alicia Handwerk, Chair

September 21, 2021

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Further, though Czoka is over 70 years old and seems to have minimized any bad behavior in prison, has successfully completed various programs and has a low current risk score, looks may be deceiving. Please remember while in prison for 29 years, Czoka has had no access to any young children. And many prisoners also learn to play the game to get released on parole (in other words - "learned remorse syndrome"). Additionally, and perhaps most importantly, good behavior in prison does not equate necessarily with good behavior outside prison confinement, especially if you are a documented individual with Pedophilia.

In Trumbull County we have prosecuted 80-year old pedophiles! Therefore, Inmate Czoka's continued confinement in prison to age 95 will guarantee safety to children everywhere for a long, long time.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Watkins".

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November 21, 2017

Andre Imbrogno
Parole Board Chair
Adult Parole Authority
770 West Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43222

RE: Paul Czoka
Inmate No. A258320
TCCCP Case No. 92-CR-219

Dear Mr. Imbrogno:

The purpose of this letter is to once again oppose parole for Paul Czoka ("Czoka"). On July 21, 1992, Czoka entered a plea of guilty to an amended indictment charging him with two counts of Rape (F1) and two counts of Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor (F2). The Court sentenced him to a term of 14-55 years of incarceration. At this juncture, Czoka has served only 25 years of that sentence.

Please find enclosed a packet of information with respect to this case which includes previous letters authored by Dennis Watkins, Prosecuting Attorney, and Atty. Carol Sopkovich, who served as Chief Counsel of the Child Assault Prosecution Unit in Trumbull County, Ohio under Prosecutor Dennis Watkins. Atty. Sopkovich personally handled both the investigation and prosecution of Czoka's case. Also included are statements given by the victims as well as other information which you may find pertinent for your review.

This office remains vehemently opposed to parole for Czoka. Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



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Chief Counsel,
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March 3, 2009

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections
Office of Victim Services
Attn: Ms. Cynthia Mausser, Parole Board Chair
770 W. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43222-1419

Dear Ms. Mausser:

In re: PAUL CZOKA
Institution No. A258320
Trumbull County Case No. 92-CR-219

On July 21, 1992, Judge Mitchell Shaker of the Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas, sentenced Paul Czoka to 14 to 55 years in prison for raping children and pandering obscenity involving minors ages 6 and 7. Evidence as far back as to 1971 establishes that Czoka is a picture-ugly lifetime sexual predator. I agree with all the comments by my Child Assault Division Chief Prosecutor in 1992 and office investigators who have written you in this matter that Paul Czoka should not be under any circumstances given parole.

Czoka is 61 years old and has served less than 17 years in prison of a 14 to 55 year sentence. At 61 a freed Czoka would surely go back to his obsessive-compulsive behavior with very young children. Though repeated treatment has failed Czoka in

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Ms. Cynthia Mausser, Parole Board Chair

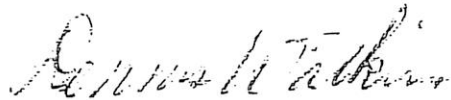
March 3, 2009

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the past, prison on the other hand, has been good to him and still better for our kids. We still have the graphic photographic evidence of Czoka's depravity when unconfined and his continued confinement by the state will only ensure that our old evidence will not become future evidence of "similar acts" with new victims. This guy should die in prison.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis Watkins".

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January 28, 2009

Cynthia Mausser/Parole Board Chair
Adult Parole Authority
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RE: Paul Czoka, #A258320.00

Dear Ms. Mausser:

The purpose of this letter is to oppose parole for Paul Czoka. In July of 1992 Czoka plead guilty to (2) counts of Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor and three (3) counts of rape reduced from five (5) rape life charges for which he was indicted and The court sentenced Czoka to 14-55 years of incarceration.

The known victims involved in this case are not eligible for release from the abuse, fear, intimidation and manipulation utilized by Mr. Czoka. The case file for Mr. Czoka's investigation contains reports and documentation of sexual deviance, exhibitionism, and countless attempts to lure young children to his home for purposes of sexual gratification. These are the victims who came forward with their experiences, not the countless children who were forced to perform sexual acts on the numbers of video tapes not recovered in the investigation. Czoka has demonstrated his inability to control his deviance or to obtain successful help for his compulsions and deviant behaviors. This patterned behavior has been documented since 1971 when he was charged with exposing himself and continued evolving until his current incarceration. Czoka has only served sixteen (16) years of a fourteen (14) to fifty-five (55) year sentence. As a member of the Child Sexual Assault Prosecution Unit I feel strongly that Czoka should continue to serve out the balance of his sentence and I urge the Parole Board to deny him parole.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 330 675 2908.

Sincerely,

Roy Anne Rudolph
Investigator, Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office

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February 25, 2009

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Adult Parole Authority
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Columbus, OH 43229

RE: John Paul Czoka
Institution No. A258320
Trumbull County Case No. 92 CR 219
Sentencing Judge: Mitchell Shaker

Dear Ms. Mausser:

I am writing this letter to you requesting that you deny parole to inmate Paul Czoka. At the time this case was prosecuted, I served as Chief Counsel of the Child Assault Prosecution Unit in Trumbull County, Ohio under Dennis Watkins, Trumbull County Prosecutor. I was the prosecutor who personally handled both the investigation of this file, the indictment and the sentencing of this defendant. Although I handled hundreds of cases as the child abuse prosecutor and each one left an impression on me, there are some that had more impact on me than others. This is one of those cases.

On July 21, 1992, this defendant pled guilty to three counts of rape, reduced from life sentences to aggravated felonies of the first degree and two counts of pandering obscenity involving a minor. The victims of Mr. Czoka's criminal offenses included two young girls who were the children of his live-in girlfriend. At the time of the prosecution of this case, Charlotte [REDACTED] was eight years old and Sarah [REDACTED] was seven years old. A third victim identified in Count eight of the indictment as Tina [REDACTED] was five years old at the time of the offense. Although the indictment charged sexual conduct with Charlotte and Sarah and Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles regarding Tina [REDACTED] the investigation conducted by our office, in conjunction with the Niles Police Department and Trumbull County Children Services Board indicated there were numerous other children involved. We took statements from other children who this defendant sexually abused. One statement indicates that this defendant would drive up and down Robbins Avenue in Niles, Ohio calling young girls over to his car. When they would refuse to watch him masturbate himself, he would become extremely upset, yelling and screaming at them. There was also evidence that this defendant used his car phone to line up young victims and to engage in sexually explicit talk over the phone with them which apparently provided him with sexual excitement.

I do not believe that Paul Czoka's years in prison have in any way curbed his sexual propensity for young children. In fact, everything that Paul Czoka did, he was more than willing to continue to do until he got caught. He was not at all concerned with the impact his action had on his young victims. According to his own statements, Paul Czoka stated exposing himself to

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everything I want and I'm still doing this. I felt good, I got what I wanted." The evidence in this case and the psychological evaluations of this defendant indicated that he was very aware of how wrong his actions were. In fact, he was very careful and he was very manipulative, using enticements with young children such as toys and candy. Even after he was arrested and incarcerated in the Niles City Jail, he attempted to pay a fellow inmate money to help him get out of jail so that he could flee to Mexico or the Caribbean. On the basis of statements given to Niles Police Officers by inmates of the jail, a Motion to Increase the Defendant's Bond was filed and granted by the Honorable Mitchell Shaker during the pendency of this case. To me, this is further evidence of how this defendant manipulates children and the system.

The defendant's conduct in engaging in sexual acts with 6 and 7 year old children is horrible enough. Paul Czoka, however, went a step farther and took video tapes and Polaroids of the child performing oral sex on him. This man stole the childhoods from both Charlotte [REDACTED] and Sarah [REDACTED]. When this case initially began, these two young victims had no realization that this was not "normal". Paul Czoka had been engaging in sexual activity with them for most of their young lives and they accepted it as normal. He stripped his victims of their childhoods, their self esteem and their trust of the adults in their family who were supposed to care for them. Both of these young girls were aware that movies were made of the sexual conduct they were compelled to engage in with Czoka. As they have grown into adulthood, they have to live with the knowledge that these video tapes as well as the Polaroid snapshots exist. Although a search warrant executed on the defendant's home recovered numerous tapes, it is believed that there were more tapes that were never recovered. All of their lives Charlotte and Sarah have to live with the possibility that those tapes may surface.

It is my sincere hope that the Parole Board will deny Mr. Czoka parole and that he will remain incarcerated for the maximum time allowable under Ohio law. I truly believe that the pattern is there and will resurface upon his release. There is no parole officer who can follow Mr. Czoka around twenty-four hours a day and I fear for the safety of any young child that he comes into contact with. It is only when he is caught that Mr. Czoka requests help for his problems. He is a manipulative and controlling individual who preys on young victims who have no ability to fight back.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,


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June 7, 2001

Ohio Parole Board
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Reference: Early Release of Paul Czoka

Dear Parole Board Members,

I would like to thank you for letting me express my concern about an early release for Paul Czoka. For the past fifteen and a half years I have worked in the Child assault Prosecution Unit. There have been numerous cases and children who have passed through my office. Some cases you forget and some children you forget. This is one case I will never in my life forget. I will not forget those little girls faces, and how innocent to what was happening to them. I will not forget that deceitful, sly, and cunning grin on Paul Czoka's face. I ask that you each look at these pictures, because this could be anybodies child if you grant an early release to Paul Czoka.

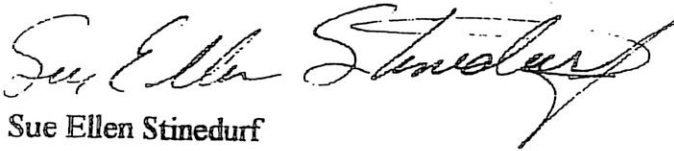
Paul Czoka sexually, and physically abused numerous children. He would have these little girls suck his penis and tell them it was like a popsicle. He would tell them if they sucked his penis candy would come out of it. He promised different gifts and candy to these innocent little girls for his own defiant sexually pleasures. He would video tape and take Polaroids for his pleasure when a child was not available. Absolutely, in no way should any child have to suffer at the hand of a sick demented man like Paul Czoka. If there were a death penalty for people like Paul Czoka I would hope that Paul Czoka would be on death row. He is a threat and danger to every single child in this country. No matter where Paul Czoka lives, if there is a child near they are in

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danger. Please protect the innocent children and deny an early release to Paul Czoka.. Paul Czoka needs to serve his time to the fullest.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of my letter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sue Ellen Stinedurf". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Sue Ellen Stinedurf
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September 9, 1992

Ms. Mary Monica Dancak
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Adult Parole Authority
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Dear Monica:

I am writing this letter in response to your recent request for my comments on parole consideration for Paul Czoka, Trumbull County Criminal Case No. 92-CR-219. It is my sincere hope that the Parole Board deny any possibility this Defendant may have for parole now or in the future. This Defendant represents a clear danger to each of our children. He is a person who simply feels compelled to engage in sexual conduct with any child he comes into contact with.

This Defendant was indicted on five counts of Rape (Life), three counts of Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles (F3), and three counts of Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor. On July 21, 1992, the Defendant plead guilty to three counts of Rape reduced from life sentences to Aggravated Felonies of the first degree, and two counts of Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor. He was sentenced to a total of 14 - 55 years. However, the investigation conducted by our office in conjunction with the Niles Police Department indicated there were numerous other children involved. We have statements from other children who this Defendant sexually abused. One statement indicates that this Defendant would drive up and down Robbins Avenue calling young girls over to his car. When they would refuse to watch him masturbate himself, he would become extremely upset, yelling and screaming at them. Further evidence would indicate that this Defendant used his car phone to lineup young victims and to engage in sexually explicit talk over the phone which would excite him.

Paul Czoka stripped his victims of their childhood, their self-esteem and their trust of the adults in their family who were supposed to care for them. The victims he was indicted with abusing were his girlfriend's sister's children and her

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stepsisters, all family members. He engaged in oral sex with them. In addition, he would videotape these little girls while they were performing oral sex on him to keep for his own pleasure later. He also took Polaroid snapshots of his penis in their mouths. These young girls know Paul made movies of them and that not all of those tapes were recovered. All of their lives they will have to live with the fear that those tapes will somehow reappear.

It is the hope of this office that this Defendant remain incarcerated for the maximum time allowable under the law. If he is released, I fear for the safety of every five and six year old out there. Mr. Czoka, on numerous occasions alleges that he sought "help" for his problems. All of his attempts have either been to pacify the authorities or to make it look like he was trying to change. Once the pressure was off, this Defendant would revert to his prior behaviors. He is a manipulative and controlling individual who preys on those who cannot fight back.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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