

**From:** [David Koehl](#)  
**To:** [Troutman, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** letter on behalf of Kevin Keith  
**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2022 3:17:10 PM

---

## David W. Koehl

166 Melmore St., Tiffin, Ohio 44883

email [paperandink44883@yahoo.com](mailto:paperandink44883@yahoo.com)

567-207-5778

To the parole board, c/o Rachel Troutman:

June 27, 2022

In recent years, I have spoken to about 200 inmates at Marion prison at criminal justice forums organized by Kevin Keith. These were with several other speakers, including former State Representative Jeff Wagner, Daniel Dew of the Buckeye Institute, and Tiffin Mayor Aaron Montz, all Republicans. Mayor Montz is also a member of the Criminal Sentencing Commission, appointed by the Chief Justice.

Mr. Keith impressed me with his leadership skills. To organize these forums, he needed to coordinate with various people, including several prison officials. He needed to find a suitable date, reserve the location, recruit other inmates to help with the program, music, prayer, sound system, chairs, promotion, and the myriad of other things necessary to staging a successful event. This was done with the substantial limitations on the resources available to an inmate. But the skills he exhibited would be useful to someone in the private sector with a job of wedding planner, concert organizer, convention hotel staff, or event coordinator. I believe he would be a success working in a job like this if he is released.

Mr. Keith also demonstrated a through knowledge of the subject, criminal justice reform. Although the forums were open to anyone, he placed a special emphasis on specific inmates who would be directly affected by proposed legislation that was in the General Assembly at that time. We intended to do additional forums, but it has not been possible due to covid restrictions. I met Mr. Keith through another inmate, Andrew Depinet and the Wordmasters program. Mr. Depinet later earned judicial early release, and has been highly successful as a free man. I believe Mr. Keith has the same potential to succeed. He has been involved for many years with numerous

worthwhile programs to help people.

Although he was convicted of very serious charges decades ago, it is a tribute to the staff and management of the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections that Kevin Keith has achieved so much in difficult circumstances. If the purpose of the department is truly to rehabilitate and correct, not merely to punish and incarcerate, then clearly the goal has been achieved with this man. His success as a free man would reflect well on state officials, proving that the opportunity of a second chance can benefit everyone. Perhaps a trial daytime work release program or halfway house would allow Mr. Keith to demonstrate his talents under substantial restrictions. I expect the Attorney General, Crawford County Prosecutor, and others will oppose any release at all, but if he is given the opportunity for some small steps toward freedom, his success outside prison walls will demonstrate he has been rehabilitated by the DRC and earned more freedom. Please seriously consider giving Kevin Keith the chance to show you all he could accomplish in the community.

David W. Koehl

**CAUTION:** This is an external email and may not be safe. If the email looks suspicious, please do not click links or open attachments and forward the email to [csc@ohio.gov](mailto:csc@ohio.gov) or click the Phish Alert Button if available.

2615 22<sup>nd</sup> St. NW  
Canton, OH 44708  
phone: 216.577.0448  
email: david.jingomedia@gmail.com



JINGO MEDIA, LLC

---

June 23, 2022

To whom it may concern:

My name is David Jingo. I graduated with Kevin Keith from Canton McKinley High School in 1982. Kevin was a star on the football team. The McKinley Bulldogs won a state championship in 1981, our senior year. In 2011, I produced a documentary film chronicling the team and their championship run. Kevin was an integral part of the team's success. Since the film was released, I have been following Kevin's case closely.

I am writing to request that Kevin Keith be considered for parole.

Last summer Kevin asked me to come and speak at the prison. He is enrolled in a program that grants associates degrees to its graduates. I gave a presentation regarding my field; television & film production and the ever-changing technology in the industry. Unfortunately, Kevin was not able to attend due to COVID protocols. We did get to see and acknowledge each other briefly through the window of an isolation room. I was enlightened, encouraged and genuinely moved by how the inmates were trying to improve upon themselves and turn their lives around through education. More than anyone that was present for my talk, Kevin is a man that has strived to better himself despite and because of the adversity he has faced from his incarceration.

I am absolutely certain that Kevin Keith is a man of integrity. His time in prison has only served to strengthen his moral fiber.

Feel free to contact me if you wish to seek further information or insights into Kevin Keith's character.

Sincerely,

David Jingo