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Tedisco Statement on Dennis Drue Parole

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Pass “Christopher’s and Deanna’s Law”

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*to Ensure All Victim Impact Statements are
Video Recorded for Parole Hearings*

“My heart aches for the Stewart and Rivers families who are again reminded of the terrible loss of their beautiful children Christopher and Deanna that they have endured and had to revisit every time they dealt with the state parole board. We need to pass the bi-partisan Christopher and Deanna’s Law to enhance the voices of our forgotten citizens - crime victims — and ensure victim impact statements are video recorded and mandate all state Parole Board members who vote on parole for an offender must watch the videos before making their decision. It’s time to fix the broken parole system to prevent a miscarriage of justice. They say seeing is believing. It’s time to truly make crime victims seen and heard. “