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Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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Your Comments or Concerns

The path to parole is arbitrary and shrouded in secrecy.

Your Proposed Solution

Clear Pathway to Parole: Establish a transparent set of criteria outlining specific requirements for parole eligibility, including behavior, program completions, and community support plans. Detailed Individualized Treatment Plans (ITPs): Each resident's ITP would include these parole criteria as personalized goals, offering a roadmap with clear expectations and timelines. Regular Progress Reviews: Conduct periodic assessments within the ITP to track progress toward parole goals, ensuring residents receive clear feedback on their readiness. Consistency and Fairness: Train BPP members on using standardized criteria, including bias training, to ensure fair, consistent decision-making for all residents.

My Comments Will Be Made Public Yes