

**Tina M. Stanford, Esq.:**  
**Release Anthony Bottom (Jalil Muntaqim) #77A4283 on Parole in June 2018**

During the 1960's and 1970's, Anthony Bottom was a free man, closely involved in the nationwide struggles for racial equality and social justice. He was involved in the Black Panther Party, struggling alongside thousands of other people who felt that their communities were under attack due to repeated police brutality and killing of unarmed citizens.

The FBI and numerous police departments have since apologized for the massive illegal campaign against social movements that left dozens dead and hundreds behind bars. However, the victims of these campaigns are still incarcerated, torn away from their families and communities years later. Mr. Bottom is now in his sixties—any longer incarceration will do nothing to restore justice. Even the son of one of the victims—Waverly Jones—has expressed his strong support for Mr. Bottom's release. He too understands that a 46 year sentence is both unjust and unnecessary.

Jalil is a man who refused to allow his 46 years of incarceration to embitter him, and has instead used it as a catalyst to deepen his commitment to humanity and self-betterment. Jalil has been awarded for quelling prison riots twice, started an African studies educational program for prison inmates, attained two college degrees, and published two volumes of poetry.

He has been a mentor and leader to youth both inside and outside prison walls, and is himself a father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and son.

Despite having an exemplary record and meeting all criteria to be released on parole, Mr. Bottom has been denied parole nine times due to the pernicious influence of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) and The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Since their letters to the Board represent a penal philosophy, they should be barred by law from being considered by the Parole Board.

We ask you to release Anthony Jalil Bottom as a first step in healing the wounds of America's violent and racist past. We ask that he be returned to his community of family, friends, supporters, and loved ones. We welcome him back.

Sincerely,

