

During my time in Congress, I have gotten to know Mr. Hatley's family well. Based upon my relationship with his family, I have reviewed his case, and I took the initiative to personally visit with him at Fort Leavenworth earlier this year. During this meeting, we discussed a number of topics including his case, his military service, how his time was being served, his aspirations for the future, and his relationships with his family and community. It was clear through this discussion that Hatley represents the type of person who should be considered for early clemency and/or parole. Following that meeting, I have independently followed-up on the other attributes that your Board reviews when considering early parole. My independent observations are as follows:

1. Service record while in the military—exemplary as noted above.
2. Residential and employment plans upon release—Mr. Hatley desires to build his own house and he will have the employment resources to do so as discussed further in this section. In the interim, his family has agreed to provide housing for him in their hometown of Groesbeck, Texas. With respect to potential employment, he has an outstanding employment offer from Vaquero Energy Services, a successful local business. This employment opportunity fits well with Mr. Hatley's leadership and professional skills. For the sake of ready reference, I have attached a copy of his employment offer which was independently provided to your Board for consideration in this case.
3. Propensity for further criminal activity—Mr. Hatley represents ZERO risk for future criminal activity.
4. Social support in the community—Mr. Hatley has deep family and professional ties to his community. These persons will provide a welcoming and supportive environment which will help him quickly transition to a normal, productive life.
5. Any other aspects of the individual that may provide a more complete illustration of why he or she would be a good candidate for favorable action -- based upon my review of situations such as this, Mr. Hatley's circumstances are pretty unique. I have such strong faith in Mr. Hatley, that my Congressional office and I are personally committed to remaining involved with him, his family, and his community to insure that he will have a successful transition to a positive and fulfilling life.

The Army Review Boards Agency has committed to deciding the cases before them with justice, equity, compassion, and in the public interest. Mr. Hatley honorably devoted his life to defending this nation and, as such, is deserving of a thorough review process. It is in that spirit that I humbly ask that you give strong consideration to Mr. Hatley's request for early review for clemency and/or parole. Please contact me personally at 202-225-6105 if I can provide further information in this regard. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

With great respect,



Bill Flores
Member of Congress