

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER _____
05-38

FOR: PARDON

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS;

WHEREAS, STEVEN M. BIRO, who has petitioned for a pardon, was convicted in Marion Superior Court for a 1977 violation of the Offense Against Property Act and a 1979 offense of confinement, both of which were related to substance abuse problems, and for which he was sentenced to a total term of 10-15 years; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner was released from the Indiana Department of Correction in 1984, whereupon he completed a mandatory period of probation.

WHEREAS, since that time, the petitioner has been both crime-free and drug-free, has attended college, and has worked through several non-profit organizations to share his story with youth in schools across America regarding the importance of making the right choices; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner has numerous letters of support from friends, family, former employers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner specifically states that, since he began his new life upon leaving prison, he has not denied his past, but has instead used it to reach out to others and touch their lives in a positive manner; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner has stated that, in requesting a pardon, he seeks only an opportunity to walk upright as a proud man and to help others; and

WHEREAS, the Parole Board, after careful investigation and examination of all the facts in this case, has recommended that this pardon be granted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of said State, do hereby issue a pardon to STEVEN M. BIRO.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 16th day of December, 2005.


Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor of Indiana



ATTEST:
Todd Rokita
Secretary of State