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NEEDLESS TO SAY

Re “It is cruel and unusual to force victims’ families to endure parole hearings every two years” (Opinion, Sept. 26): True, and I have a simple answer: Stop allowing it to happen.

Victims and their families weigh in at sentencing. After that there should be no reason to think they have any special insight, and certainly not more than those trained in such matters, into justice, rehabilitation and public safety.

In particular, retribution should play no role at this stage.

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