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DEAR Your Excellency, et.al.,

I AM writing you concerning my husband, DOUGLAS Kinard, Jr. We have been married almost 3 years, and have a 13 month old son. I have a 10 year old step-son. We live in Allendale, S.C. As you know jobs anywhere in a 30 mile radius, are almost non-existent. Year after year we are promised new jobs via new companies coming to the area, only to be disappointed time and time again. Louis Hornick, inc. is one example.

However, this is not where I need your help. My husband, 'DJ', is a convicted felon. Last conviction was 2009, released in 2011. We have no disillusion about his past. DJ has worked harder than you could imagine to stay out of the Penal System. For an adult man, who first went to prison at 21, and served three lengthy sentences, that is no small feat. I know my concern is biased because he's my husband. However, he is a good man, father and spouse. He wants desperately to be a contributing member of society and to raise his sons in a respectable manner.



Please, and I can't put it more sincerely, give us some direction or guidance on how to find him gainful employment. Due to his record, he can not find work anywhere.

I understand legally, potential employers can't discriminate against convicted felons.

However reality is, he's passed over jobs frequently because of his record only.

Any direction, advice, etc. your office can offer is most appreciated. Thank you for your continued service to our beautiful state.

Most Sincerely,

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