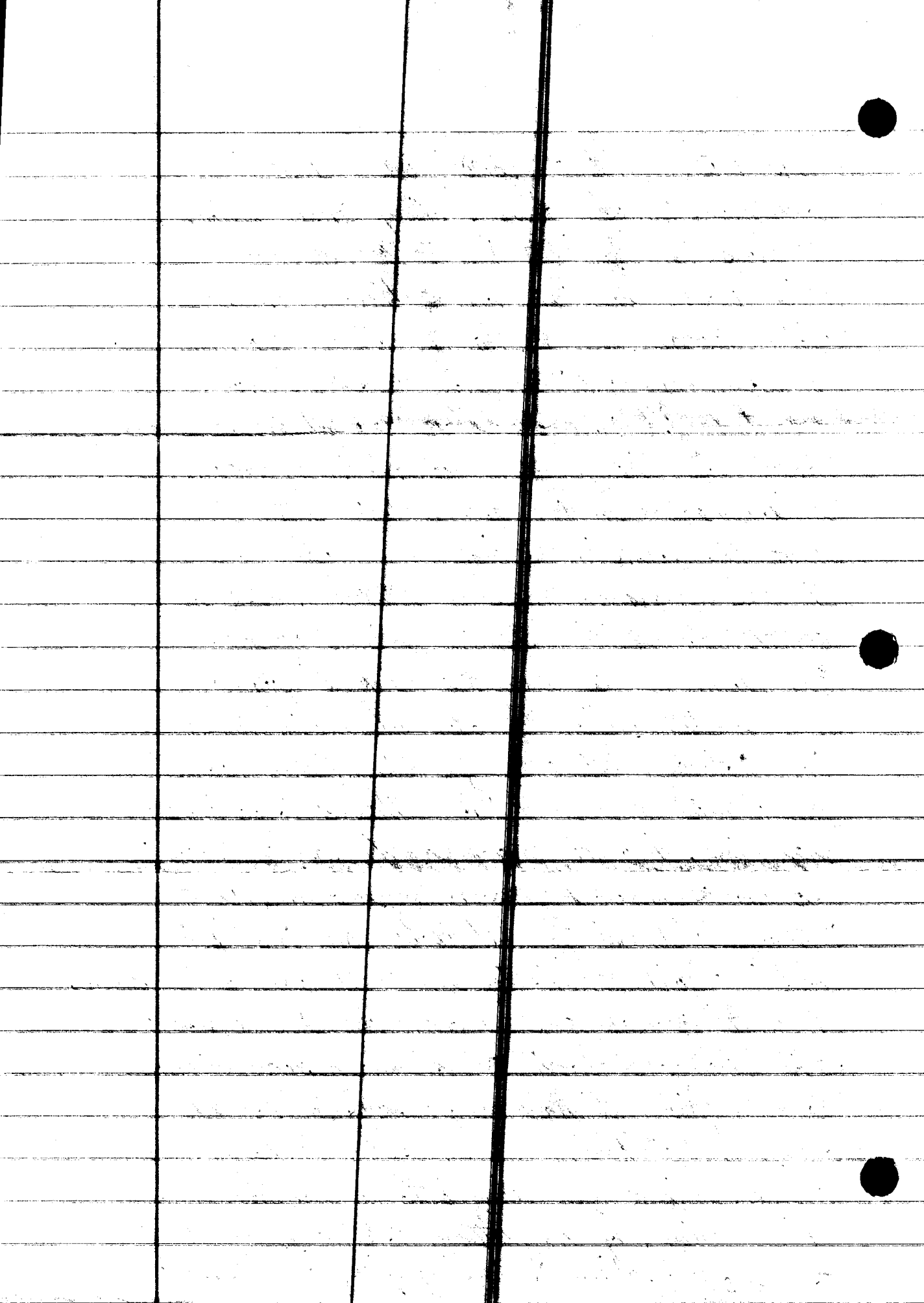


Dear Mrs. Nikki Haley:

I'm writing to you to see if you might could help me some way. Mrs. Haley I'm not a very educated person so please bare with me trying to explain my problem. I have a family member "Cousin," but was raised more like a brother due to his mother running off when him and a older brother and sister was just babies and their father was a drunk. The problem is he is now in prison in Waterlee S.C. He has served almost 10 years now for manslaughter. He was at McCormick till granted new trial and brought back to pickens jail to await new trial but he did a plea deal instead because what family he has left have spent all we can on attorney fees and he was afraid to go with public defender. Well the problem I'm having is I've been denied visitation ~~to~~ to see him. I don't have a felony on my record but I do have a charge to simple possession 10 years ago. I had sold my trailer to my Aunt because I had got into a accident and had 5 back surgeries and was about to lose it because I was unable to work at the time. They was legal papers drawn

up with title to bond where I sold it to her. So make a long story short before it was changed over into her name she was arrested for selling prescription pills. Because my name was on the home I was drug into one big mess. I was arrested for Conspiracy on Federal Court but was charged for simple possession misdemeanor not a felony. When I first sent the form in to visit him 10 years ago I was on probation and I was honest on the form. They denied me. I sent the form in again when I had finished my probation and refused again. Mrs. Haley Im not a threat or any problem they would have with me if I was allowed to go in and see him. I dont understand. Im allowed to go in a federal prison to see my Aunt whom I went to jail with but not into a state jail. Mrs. Haley Im a 51 years old women. I go to Church and I dont drink nor use drugs. The charge I took to simple possession was to pills I had a prescription for due to surgery I had. I never sold or bought any drugs. I just got drug into a big mess and at the advice of my attorney take a plea deal to simple possesion instead of going into Court and



take a chance on getting 28 years
for something I had nothing to do with.

Mrs. Haley you can check my record.
I'd never had or been into any trouble
till that. I'm a old woman that's no
trouble to none. I don't even leave my
home other than to pay my bills or get
groceries or get my grand children. My Cousin
Richard N Stegall inmate # 318680 doesn't
have anyone else who can or will go visit
him in prison anymore. My mother and
his Aunt use to go but my mother has
Alzheimers disease and health isn't very good
anymore isn't able to drive anymore and his
aunt can't drive or go alone. He has noone
going to see him now. I understand people
make mistakes in their lives and they must
pay for them but I don't understand cutting
them off from their only family they have
and expecting them to do better and living
a better way of life. Prison can be hard enough
but with not having any hope of seeing anyone
till they leave that place makes it worst.
They don't want them acting like animals
but they treat them like animals. Lock them
up and not allowing their loved ones in
does not teach them nothing but to hate

the system. They dont hear anything about doing better or living a positive life when they get out. All they have is the people thats locked up in there to talk to and Im sure their not giving them any reasons to be positive. I understand they got to be rules but I dont understand why people with records as long as my arm can go in and visit because they are husbands wives or fathers mothers. These people can steal be living their lifes like dogs or worse than some of the peopl thats in those prisons was living when they was out here and still be allowed to go because their immediate family. Mrs. Haley I may not be perfect person but I am a good person and I live a good clean life and all Im asking is to be allowed to go in and see and be some kind of positive roll in my Cousins life. Mrs. Haley this man is more of a brother than cousin and Im all he's got out here thats willing to go see him. He will live here with me when he gets out and I want to be able to give him hope and keep him looking positive. A visit might not be nothing to us out here but in there it can be alot just to have one day a week to be some kind of normal life.

Well I'm sure we talked your
ear off in this letter but we tried
everything I know to do to be allowed
to visit him. We called Columbia and
tried to talk to them we called the
wardens and left messages to try and
get them to call and speak with me.
We prayed everyday about it and now
I'm writing to ask you for any help you
can give me. I'm asking not as much
for me but mostly for him. Please help
us.

Thank you
Rita Izquierdo

P.S

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