

Dear *Nikki Haley*

My name is Jo Ann Anderson! I am active in my church and have been my entire life. I oversee a gift and kinds ministry to help the needy. I am one who believes in doing my part in the community. I am so proud of you and the job you have done as our commander and chief. My husband and I before he passed away took great joy in seeing you, your wife and two daughters become our first family. Thank you for making us believe in the possibility of all things. Mr. President I believe in a justice system and that laws are needed. I am reaching out to you because I have no resources or any other way to go. I am writing you to ask that you please pardon my brother James Leroy Burnett who is presently incarcerated for life. I am James Leroy's older sister and would desperately like to see my brother pardoned before you leave office as President. I know Leroy as he is affectionately called, has made some mistakes in his past, but I refuse to believe he deserves life without parole for theft. The three strike law initiated by President Bill Clinton and passed into law by Congress is too harsh a punishment for a man that has never murdered anyone or even attempted murder. He has never raped anyone or abused any one for that matter. He has never done any of the fore mentioned crimes but yet he is incarcerated without the possibility of parole. On the other hand, we have people who have taken the life of another person walking around free. We have people who have raped and beaten women or molested children walking around free. There are people who have committed far worst crimes then my brother and they still have the possibility of parole. I ask you Mr. President where is the fairness in that? Leroy has served fifteen years in this last sentence and unless someone intervenes, he will probably die incarcerated. I am almost 71 and quite possibly may never see my brother free again. I have lost both my parents, six other siblings, two brother in-laws and my husband since my brother has been incarcerated. He was not able to attend their

funerals, nor were they able to see him free because of his punishment. I am not saying my brother is perfect, neither am I saying he should not have been made to pay for his crimes. I am saying he does not deserve life without parole because of three strikes law for theft. I ask you sir to please consider my brother James Leroy Burnett far pardon. I know he can do better and I hope you will give him another chance. My brother's chance to be free is in your hands Mr. President and I ask you to please help us. I am a sister longing to see her brother free! Leroy's current address is 386 Redemption Way McCormick, South Carolina 29899 F 4-A-273. My contact information is (864) 439-3780 or (864) 266-2244. Again, thank you and may God bless you and your family.

Respectfully yours,

JoAnn B. Anderson