

December 14, 2014

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I have never asked for any favor as I am asking of you today. I am asking that you grant a Pardon of my DUI and restore my driving privilege. I am asking you to please consider my circumstances.

I am approaching 71 years of age, a Navy Veteran, a family man and a law abiding citizen. I have never had a ticket for a moving violation ever.

I have not driven since my license was revoked in September 2012. This was the result of my refusal to “blow” which I was afraid to do when pulled over in April 2012. I was returning from my 4th appearance in the play Annie in downtown Charleston. It was 11:30pm and I was quite tired and explained that to the officers. My refusal resulted in my staying overnight at Leeds Avenue Jail.

I knew my refusal would result in a suspension of my license but not that it would be forever. With that I mean in addition to my bail and fines which I could hardly afford being on social security, I would need an additional \$700 plus SR-22 costs which I also cannot afford.

Not having any money I was able to be represented by a public defender. When I appeared in court and pleaded guilty I thought it was for refusal to blow. Apparently it was admitting that I was under the influence of alcohol, a separate charge. I was not under the influence, just old and tired and under medication via the VA Hospital since 2007.

Nevertheless, without transportation I have not been able to seek employment since September 2012, which I desperately need to do. I have no real quality of life without additional income.

I am honorable and trustworthy and would very much appreciate whatever consideration you can give me.

Have a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Wishing you continued success as our Governor,

Very truly yours,

Edward Spear

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