

December 24, 2016

Dear Governor NIKK R. Haley

My name is Fantaisa Butler. I am 24 years old and I am writing you in regards to receiving a pardon. I am currently incarcerated at Camille Griffin Graham Correctional Institution for unlawful child neglect and unlawful man slaughter, due to me and my infant son falling asleep together and he sufficated. I was sentenced to eight and five years ran concurrent. I am doing a total of three years. In the two years I have been in prison I turned my life around in some major ways. I have received me GED; in two months. I got a Silver in my ACT work Keys. I have also done Servsafe food handling and Servsafe food protection management. Which managers at restaurants are required to have. I have attended life skill classes such as twelve week parenting one and two, twelve week anger management, and twelve week advanced coping with loss. I am currently in welding and just received my certificate for Ten hour vocational NCCER Safety. I am proud of the achievements I have accomplished. In my time here I have learned that children are very precious. You can't make it on your own. You should always listen to those who try to help you and you can't have everything your way. It is very important to follow the rules and not try to bend them. I learned



how much family and freedom really mean. When I get out I want to use my past to help other people. I plan to get a good job, go to college and get my two beautiful girls back. I am going to be a great role model citizen. I hate to see people in prison and want to help others stay out: any way I possibly can. You see to many people having kids at a young age and having tragic accidents happen. I wish to help change the number of young teen births and infant deaths with my story. I ask that you consider giving me a pardon. It would be a great honor to receive a pardon and help change others lives. Thank you for your time and deep consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Pantula Beiler