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17 December 2014

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

Dear Governor Haley:

Not very long ago, my county's then sheriff, Sam Parker, made some huge errors in judgment. Rightfully convicted, he was stripped of whatever honor he had from his many years in law enforcement. That seems to me in and of itself severe punishment, but his assigned punishment included prison.

Exacted justice also punishes family members. In this case, one of these is a daughter in her teens, a time critically important to her development in all respects. She especially doesn't deserve the fallout resultant from her father's continued absence.

I know of no indication Sam Parker represents any threat to society. In a state where repeated DUI's remain on our roads, daily threatening others, keeping Sam Parker in prison with the concomitant punishment of his family does not seem like justice.

I write to you as one individual and am not a part of any organized effort on his behalf. I ask only that you seriously consider, within the limits of your authority, reducing his sentence to time served to enable him to rejoin his family to help his daughter grow up.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Franklin R. Babb". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

Franklin R. Babb