

With all my respect: Governor Nikki Haley,

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My name is former Sergeant Ronny Allen Wilson formerly assigned to the South Carolina Army National Guard 263rd Air Defense Artillery Unit out of Easley South Carolina. Social Security Number 247-49-6014 AGE 34 years! If and when you look up my files you will see a young exceptional soldier who was on the fast track rising in the ranks and in which looked to have had a promising career until addiction came into the equation. In 2005 I was given a Honorable General discharge for Acts unbecoming and given an RE-3 which is a two year suspension from the Armed Forces. In adolescents the only thing you can do is grow out of it unfortunately because of course if you lose something you love greatly you have a hard time dealing with it. This leads to more mistakes in how one chooses to deal with the grief which makes the road ahead more harsh to travel. It has taken me 14 years to finally accept my past and to move on from it because the soldier in me would never allow me to quit. I do not know the meaning of giving up on anything which is why you are receiving this letter now. However I do finally possess the ability to accept verdicts and final decisions in my life today without resorting to poor decision making or self medicating my

Troubles. I have been through the guntlet of judicial Programs having Completed 2 years probation, 1 year home incarceration, 6 month Intensive outpatient Program 7 day Detox, Drug Court Program and am Currently in the South Carolina department of Corrections. (SCDC #356784) were I have been working in the administration duties serving the wardens, Captains, lieutenants and the staffs assigned to them at the institutions in which I have been assigned so far. Everytime I completed a Court ordered program I would contact local recruiters once the original 2 year suspension time was up and each time they would inform me of the new zero tolerance policy were any felony will practically kill your entry not allowing waivers no longer even for non-violent offenses. Make no mistake I do not think I am any different from the next man in which we all make lots of mistakes in our live times but I wanted you to know that if you could sit down in a room with a few of us and asked us if given the chance to serve our country again would any of you be interested I am certain almost half or more would answer the call. In 1999 An issue of Army Times had on the cover, "more and more felons are filling the ranks of the Armed forces." After 9-11 that all changed because drugs were deemed to be the financing of terrorism so anyone selling or using them supported terrorism. Not only that everyone was

so so upset the military that we to not have enough man power became overloaded in the ranks, Zero tolerance was passed so forgiveness and Acceptance into the armed forces for Ex-cons and felons alike began. When a Soldier is removed from service before his due time especially when he is young can be a devastating blow to his home life as well. I have four beautiful children all 13 and under and was married to their wonderful mother for 15 years before she divorced me last year. The things I feared the most however were exactly what had to take place in order for me to change which were divorce and prison. When I came to S.C.D.C I was divorced and completely broken. This place kept me accountable and in line until I could do those things on my own. All my family and old friends gave up on me. But as I kept my focus on Christ and myself all my Alcoholics Anonymous Community and my sponsor joined my side and has since never left it. I received a card from my pastor, his family of whom I have known for a few years. In the Christmas card was a short letter that in short informed me they located my ex-wife and gave her \$300~~00~~ for the kids Christmas from me, it is the best Christmas gift I have ever received because I got peace of mind from it because I have zero contact with

my children as I endure this. In short Governor Haley is there any chance or any branch of the military or any special unit I can be a part of? Is there any chance for a pardon upon release if necessary to get back in? I can have 12 charges expunged quickly being not guilty and not process. I can guarantee I can endure anything put in front of me and with conditioning can keep up with the younger soldiers. When I was in A.I.T my drill sergeants begged me to sign Active and that they would guarantee Airborne, Air Assault and possibly even Ranger training. All of my Army achievements and my Arcom were mostly for Superior P.T. scores and soldiering skills in the field and classroom. If I had not messed up I would be retiring in four more years. I hurt others and shamed myself and my family, my state and my country and will do anything to correct that. Governor Haley I am so serious I would go join the Kurds upon release if they would guarantee pay so I could support my children but as far as I have studied, they do not. If they did I would also in the hopes of the U.S. joining in to fight ISIS that I may be grandfathered back in the U.S. Armed forces for my efforts. Stopping the Islamic state alone would be enough if it were not for me to be able to send money back home to my children. I can not and will not

ever do that, even if I could without knowing all facts required. It is enough simply knowing that I would be fighting terrorism and in a sense that alone protects my children and my country but if it comes at the cost of Abandoning my family in all other aspects without my country acknowledging my very existence over their in an honorable way than I simply could not. I go up for parole in the late Spring and plan to attend college. I look forward to the rest of my life with no regrets which is why you are receiving my letter. It truly would be an honor and a blessing of encouragement to receive a letter in response to my request of knowledge. I understand you are extremely busy and Apologize for such a long letter but it was as short as I could make it.

May you have a blessed
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God speed

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