

Dear Governor Nikki Haley,

I am writing to you to see if you may be able to help me. My son Joshua Travis Greene, is in prison. We live in Spartanburg, SC. He has been sentenced to 4 years. But he will probably be only serving 2 of those years. It is not a violent crime. No, it does not make me happy that he is going to prison. But he is to pay for his crime. But I really need help in how to get him transferred to a prison near here. I am on disability. I have had an heart attack and had to have a triple bypass. Not only that I am diabetic, I have had blood clots and I also have a disease called RSD. It is chronic pain. He also has a grandfather that is also diabetic and he is going blind due to glaucoma and he is the father figure in Joshua's life. Not only is he going blind but he is also in his late 70's. We are afraid that he won't live to see him come out. I have called and asked for a hardship transfer but he has to be in prison for 12 months before he can apply for one. We are afraid that his grandfather won't be able to see him ever again. His health is declining and it has upset the family that he won't be alive when he can apply for the hardship transfer through the prison system. I am asking you as a resident of South Carolina, a mother, a daughter and a grandmother please help me with this, please.

I know of 2 correctional institutions that are near us. There is Tyger River Correctional Institution (L2) and they also offer the Operation Behind Bars, which he would love to help younger kids understand what it is like in prison. He feels like he can make them understand that this is not the path that they do not want to take. He can relate to teens and if he could stop some of them from going to prison then his time in prison is worth him being there. Also, there is another prison near us its Livesay Correctional Institution (L1-A) and (L1-B).

I was told that I should write to you because that you can push this transfer for my family. I know that you are very busy, but I am hoping that you may be able to help me. But if not could please tell me who I need to write to. This is something that is very important to me and my family. I have not mentioned what I am trying to do to my son. Because I don't want him to get his hopes up.

Thank you so much for your time,

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