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Dear Governor Haley,

I am writing to you as a mother, wife, professional woman, and a christian.

My name is Sherla Werkmeister. I am a Chiropractic physician who has been married for 28 years this coming February. Like many marriages, ours was going through a "tough patch". 3 years ago I was emotionally unable to drop the pain and move on.

On 10/11/13, a Friday, I had a busy morning at a health fair at Honeywell, ran some errands, had an emergency patient to see at my practice + also saw a few other patients that were there seeing the massage therapist. At 4:40pm I went home. My husband and I were unwinding and relaxing on the back deck enjoying the warm weather + couple beers together. The subject changed to what we were having trouble with. Not wanting to start the weekend off arguing, at 5:15pm I left him on back deck, in my emotional state I made the very bad choice to take a ride to clear my head. I really never act that impulsively. I am a planner and usually rationalize the situation and defuze very quickly.

Around 5:26 I had a head on collision, driver to driver and resulted in the other driver and myself needing to be extracted from our vehicles, needing multiple surgeries. But, the horrible reality is that the unbuckled passenger in the other vehicle died on impact.

A unchangable fact that I remorsefully (2)
regret, I have in many ways been imprisoned
for the last 3 years. I wasn't charged
until 6 weeks after the accident w/ Bond.

I had 2 surgeries to save my right leg + had
to learn to walk again, my professional licence
was suspended pending my trial, which lead
to the loss of 2/3's of my household income.
June 2015 we filed bankruptcy. I wasn't allowed
to leave the state and not to mention the PTSD
of nightmares, anxiety + panic, trying to deal with
the reality of what I did

My trial was to start on 9/19/16, we picked
a jury and the next day I was offered a plea.
With my lack of knowledge of the Judicial System
and fear of missing out on sharing my childrens
lives and my husband etc, I took the plea
and was sentenced. The trial that I dreaded
for almost 3 yrs was over before I was
able to have the details, facts and more
importantly my character to be seen + heard.

I am at Camille Graham CI, my sentence
is for DUI w/ death of 7 years. I have never been
in trouble before, I even have a CWP signed by you.

What I'm asking for is your help
getting into the January 2017 - June 2017 "ATU"
addiction program and the possibility of parole
upon completion to be released. Then I can
work on getting my licence reinstated by the
Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and start paying
the Estate of the passenger family for the civil suit
that is still pending.

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I really need to have this
2nd chance. This unthinkable thing
I've done is not who I am.

The program will help me learn from
all of this, better myself and more
importantly teach and witness to others
the seriousness of getting behind the
wheel impaired. One bad choice can
change many lives in an instant.

Sincerely,
Dr. Sherrea Werkmeister

Please respond back to me and feel free
to ask me any Questions.

— Thank you for considering
my situation.

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