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Mrs. Nikki Haley, Governor
Office of the Governor
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RE: Assistance

Dear Governor Haley,

My Legal name is Edmonds Tennent Brown IV SCDC # 285140 I would like to explain my problem to you and ask if there was any way that your office might be able to assist me. I am a Transgender Woman who's chosen name is Katheryn Alexis Brown and this is my problem I was diagnosed with what is now referred to as Gender Dysphoria (Gender Identity Disorder) in Adolescents or Adults prior to my being arrested in Charleston, SC in November of 2003. In July of 2004 I was sentenced to Natural life (Life without parole) for the crime of Murder which I did not commit but pled guilty to for the purpose of avoiding the Death Penalty because I was told that the State had more evidence than they had. Prior to my arrest I was in the process of receiving laser hair removal on my face, neck, torso, and back so that I could start the real life experience of living and working as a female for the purpose of changing my gender, part of the process is having my name legally changed to that of my chosen name. The problem that I am having is I have already received the required screening statement from The Department of Social Services which is one of the documents that I need the other document that I need is the screening statement from The State Law Enforcement Division that says that I am not listed on the Sex Offender Registry that they maintain but because I am currently an indigent inmate in the South Carolina Department of Corrections I am not able to pay the \$25 dollar fee that they are requiring I am trying to find out if there is any way to waive the 25 dollar fee that they say I have to pay. I am also having another problem with SCDC itself I have been trying to receive treatment according to the recognized treatment protocol that was published by the World Professional Association for Transgender

Health but the Department of Corrections is refusing to recognize my diagnosis I also have been told that I could easily obtain treatment in California but, SCDC refuses to send me out to California. I have already been informed by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation that I am eligible for a transfer due to health and safety reasons and that I should contact my Correctional Counselor which I did but nothing was done.

If it is possible could you please assist me in obtaining the necessary documents that I need for my legal name change as well as help me to get to California where I can obtain the necessary treatment that I require for my major Medical/Mental Health problem.

If I was able to return to the civilian world as in outside of Prison I would very gladly leave this State and not look back because ever since I got out of the military I have had nothing but problems in South Carolina and I do not believe that South Carolina treats LGBTQI persons with respect or as humans. The reason that I say that is because when I was arrested I was dressed as a woman and I was told that there was no way that a Sissy like you could live in downtown Charleston, SC also that there was no way that I was living in the residence that I was because they did not find any Male Clothing. I have not owned any male clothing since I was 15 years old. So as I have said I do not feel comfortable in South Carolina.

Please help me with the problems that I am having

Sincerely

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