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March 10, 2016

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

Dear Governor Haley:

My name is Daniel Casasanta. I am a 30 year old native of Spartanburg County and a local musician. For some time now I've been concerned about my safety when performing at the bars, clubs, and various venues. I went to purchase a firearm last week and was denied the sale. On June 23rd 2009, I received my 3rd DUI, resulting in no injury of myself, nor anyone else. A 3rd offense DUI in our state of South Carolina is classified as a felony now, keeping me from purchasing a firearm. I need your help.

In my younger years, I struggled with alcoholism. When I received my 3rd DUI, I spent 64 days in Spartanburg County Jail and it saved my life. I have been 100% completely sober ever since, just under 7 years now. I am a registered voter and exercise that right, a privilege denied to most, if not all felons. I'm very thankful for my right to vote and in today's society, I would greatly appreciate the right to bear arms, being able to defend myself if someone were to try to cause harm to my loved ones, or myself. I have been a responsible citizen for these past 7 years and would continue to do so with the privilege of legally obtaining a firearm.

I love my family and now that I have my life back on track, I value all of the things that I took for granted in my youth. I need a pardon so that I can purchase a firearm legally, feeling safe in defending myself against all the evils of the World that we see each and every day on television. The older I get, I feel that I can never be to careful.

As a result of having a 3rd DUI, I have paid for it in more ways than I can count. My DUI's took away 8 years of driving, 64 days of free will, being in jail, 6 months on house arrest, hurt the ones that loved me the most, and also resulted in having to have a breathalyzer device on my car, which I get

off in January of next year. Every single day, I get into my car and answer for a mistake that I made almost 7 years ago. When I get my breathalyzer off of my car next year, I will have had it on for 3 full years and once it is off...punishment for my mistakes on June 23rd of 2009 will be satisfied, except for one...being classified as a felon and unable to purchase a firearm.

Please help me. I'm pleading for your compassion and understanding. I made mistakes in my youth, none of which were violent crimes toward others. I've turned my life around and I've been on the right track for almost a decade now. I would greatly like to be able to regain the Second Amendment right. I've enclosed some pictures of me, my family, and my passion of playing music. I know that sometimes, it's good to put a face with a name.

I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration to my request.

Sincerely,


Daniel Casasanta

Enclosures

