

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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RE: COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

DEAR HONORABLE, NIKKI R. HALEY, GOVERNOR

I EDMOND SARKISYAN, AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO INQUIRE BY WAY OF A PLEA, FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MY SENTENCE COMMUTED.

GOVERNOR HALEY, WHILE THIS MAY SEEM SELFISH, IT IS MORE TO MY REQUEST THAT I WILL ELABORATE ON IN DETAIL. THIS REQUEST IS CERTAINLY IN LINE WITH THE STIPULATIONS SET FORTH BY THE HONORABLE THOMAS HUGHSTON, JR., THE JUDGE IN MY CASE. IT WAS STATED THAT ALONG WITH MY SENTENCE OF 5YRS. SCDC, 5YRS PROBATION, THERE WOULD ALSO BE RESTITUTION, OF \$300.00, WHICH WAS THE AMOUNT ILLEGALLY OBTAINED. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT MY SENTENCE WOULD ALSO BE BASED UPON HOW MUCH COOPERATION I GAVE. WHICH I DID, BUT I COULD NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE THAT GOT ME INVOLVED, BECAUSE THEY ARE IN CALIFORNIA, AND KNOW WHERE MY WIFE AND CHILDREN ARE.

GOVERNOR HALEY, IM ASKING, PLEADING TO YOU, YOUR HONOR TO CONSIDER THIS COMMUTATION FOR THE SAKE AND SAFETY OF MY FAMILY. ALSO, MY WIFE REALLY NEED TO HAVE ME THERE BECAUSE SHE IS NOW THE ONLY CARE GIVER FOR THE FAMILY, HER FATHER, AND MY FATHER, BOTH WHOM HAVE ALZHIEMERS DISEASE, AS WELL AS THE CARE OF OUR TWO

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CHILDREN, AGES 10, AND 6, WHOM I MISS VERY MUCH. GOVERNOR HALEY, I'M TRULY, TRULY SORRY FOR WHAT I'VE DONE, AND ATTEMPTED TO DO. AND I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS, THAT'S WHY I OPTED TO COOPERATE WITH THE AUTHORITIES, IN THAT I GAVE SLED, THE PASS CODE TO THE COMPUTER USED, AND PLEAD GUILTY TO THE CHARGES, NOT BECAUSE OF A DEAL, BUT BECAUSE I WAS GUILTY.

GOVERNOR HALEY, I WAS IN THE ARMY WHEN MY MOTHER PASSED, AND IT WOULD REALLY BE HARD ON MYSELF, AND WIFE, IF EITHER OF OUR PARENTS WOULD PASS WHILE I'M THIS FAR AWAY. I PRAY THAT THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN.

GOVERNOR HALEY, I DID HAVE A JOB AS A CAB DRIVER, FOR THE BEVERLY HILLS CAB COMPANY. I DROVE FOR THEM TWELVE YEARS. THE BUSINESS HAS BEEN GETTING WORSE OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, FORCING ME TO SEEK EXTRA EMPLOYMENT, BECAUSE I WAS THE SOLE PROVIDER AT THE TIME. THIS REALLY STARTED TO CAUSE A FINANCIAL CRISIS. WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF, I JUMPED IN WITH BOTH FEET NOT EVEN CONSIDERING THE RAMIFICATIONS. THE POSSIBILITY TO MAKE 20 TO 30 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN 2 TO 3 MONTHS, WAS SO TEMPTING, AND I WAS SO DESPERATE. BUT AFTER A COUPLE OF TIME OF DOING THIS, I DIDN'T FEEL RIGHT DOING THIS, EVEN AFTER BEING TOLD BY MY SO-CALLED FRIENDS, AND EMPLOYERS IN THIS SCHEME, THAT IT WOULD NOT CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS TO THE VICTIMS, BECAUSE THEY WERE COVERED BY

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INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR THIS SORT OF THINGS.

WHAT I DIDN'T REALIZE WAS THAT I WAS GETTING DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO SOMETHING MUCH MORE DANGEROUS, FOR ME, AND MY FAMILY. SO, I WAS GLAD I GOT ARRESTED, BECAUSE THAT WAY, I WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A SNITCH, THESE PEOPLE KNOW A LOT ABOUT MY FAMILY AND MY FINANCIAL SITUATION.

GOVERNOR HALEY, I'M CURRENTLY AT CATAWBA PRE RELEASE WORK CENTER, AND I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO START OVER, AND TO START PAYING THE RESTITUTION THAT I OWE, AND TO START SEND MONEY HOME. I'M ALSO ENROLLED IN SCHOOL, TO GET MY G.E.D., WORK KEYS, AND I ATTEND A.A. MEETINGS.

GOVERNOR HALEY, I WAS SENTENCED TO 5 YEAR IN SCDC, AND 5 YEARS PROBATION. I'M PLEADING TO YOU, YOUR HONOR, IN HOPES OF HAVING MY SENTENCE COMMUTED, ON GROUNDS THAT AFTER I PAY THE DUE RESTITUTION, AND COMPLETE MY G.E.D., AND WORK KEYS, THAT THE REST OF MY SENTENCE BE LIFTED, AND MY PROBATION BE TRANSFERRED TO MY HOMETOWN OF CALIFORNIA, SO I CAN BE HOME FOR MY FAMILY, PLEASE.

GOVERNOR HALEY, I'M TRULY SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCES THAT I'VE CAUSED TO MY VIZUM, TO YOUR STATE, AND THAT I'VE PLACED UPON MY WIFE AND CHILDREN. I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE CONSIDER MY PLEA, AND PROPOSAL OF SENTENCE COMMUTAL

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ON THE GROUNDS THAT I'VE AGREED TO UPHOLD , OR ANY OTHERS
THAT YOU FEEL NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO THIS MATTER.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR ATTENTIVENESS
TO THIS MATTER OF IMPORTANCE TO ME .

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED ,

B/ ES
PJ Edmond Sarkisyan

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