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March 13, 2015

To the Attention Governor Nikki Haley

I am the mother of Zachary N. Morgan, inmate 344197. His parole hearing is March 18, 2015. This will be his third visit. I am requesting an inquiry of the Parole Board Members to see if they are "each" receiving the information material that is being sent to all the members. I have been reading the Parole Board Handbook and I think the offender families deserve more than "Due to the nature of the crime", as the reason for not granting parole because that tells us nothing. I know you don't have anything to do with the parole process but, you are responsible for the selected board members and their manner in which they function. I don't know who to consult to find out if all of the board members have a say in the decision or just the 2 or 3 that comes for the hearing. I question if the past information that was sent certified mail, reached all the individuals. I requested a visit of the hearing and did not get a response. This is part of the process the handbook guidelines. Who are the gate keepers for the board? He is a non-violent, after the fact offender that has met the requirements for parole. He has recommendations, a job offer in what he is presently doing, as well as other job opportunities in the community.

On January 18, 2014, I faxed and certified mailed information to each board member pertaining to consideration for Zachary's parole support. Each board member had an individual packet addressed to them that was mailed in one box because I did not have each members address. I don't think they received it. At the hearing the three members present was just getting the faxed letter from the lawyer and they all did not read it. I was watching the assistant hand them the paper. It seems the decision is made before we get

there because we answer the same questions and send reasons for them to support parole, only to get the same answer without going down the guidelines of the handbook. March 20, 2014, my request to revisit the parole decision went unnoticed with no response. It is written in the handbook that we have the right to petition and they are mandated to follow the rules. I am a court mandated guardian. I am not allowed nor would I, not respond or not give essential information to all persons that are part of my cases. I am just asking for checks and balances because that is the only way to keep everything honest and upfront for all parties

Respectfully,

Sandra Morgan

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January 26, 2015

Mr. Orton Bellamy, Chair
SC Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon
2221 Devine Street, Ste. 600
P.O. Box 50666
Columbia, South Carolina 29250

Dear Mr. Bellamy:

I am writing on behalf of inmate Zachary Morgan, WRCI inmate # 344197, in support of his request for parole. I am Chairman of the South Carolina Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and Zach has been a participant in our program for several years. He moved up from an entry level participant having no experience with horses to one of the most trusted and capable farm managers we have ever had. His status as 2 for 7 has never been questioned and his personality, demeanor and attention to detail have been superior. He is the lead instructor of the Groom Elite Program when the professional instructor is not in town. Lt. James Wakely, the actual program manager at WRCI, places a great deal of responsibility and trust in Zach's ability to handle affairs and make proper decisions concerning the health and well being of the horses and management of the farm facility there.

Zach has always been courteous, professional and very knowledgeable about his work at the Second Chances farm when dealing with staff, the other men, visitors and members of the public seeking information about our program. As sorry as I am to see him go, I wholeheartedly support his parole request and feel that his skills will make him instantly employable and support a clean lifestyle in the future.. He has done a great job of educating his replacements on the farm and I believe he will leave the place better than he found it.

I urge the Board to faithfully consider this endorsement.

Sincerely,

William B. Cox, Jr.

Sandy Richardson

Morningstar Farms

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Timmonsville, SC 29161

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sandymorningstarfarms@gmail.com

Dear Zach,

I am very interested in talking to you about your coming to work with me on my farm. I have been following you through your parents and understand that you have gained much horse experience. I have a boarding facility and teach lessons and I am in need of help. My current help will be leaving to join the army soon.

The responsibilities you would have here would be feeding 24 horses, unloading feed, fixing fences, planting pasture, fertilizing pastures, putting round bales out, helping me with various other things around the farm that I cannot do by myself.

I ran into your mother at church and she said that you may be getting out in January. I believe that that timing is perfect. We are all praying about this and I encourage you to do that as well.

I am not sure how to proceed. I would love to meet you and talk with you about what your plans might be.

Please let me know what I need to do.

Thanks,

Sandy Richardson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandy Richardson", written in dark ink.