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Dear Governor Haley,

I hope that this letter finds you in good health. You certainly do look wonderful in all of the news photos.

This is my second attempt to get some help for my son-in-law, Chris Paredes. He is currently incarcerated in Columbia. He is due to be released in the next 17 months. After reading in the news about the possible early release of federal prisoners, I thought I would try again to somehow help him with an early release.

My motivation for this is my grandchildren. They have missed so much with their father and of course, he has missed many of their growing up years. Governor Haley, he was set up by the Surfside Beach police by using an informant who begged him to help her and when he did, it was all over. He had been on the straight and narrow path because he had three children to take care of – making this a real tragedy. To further complicate this situation, Chris had to use a public defender.

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L. Paul Taylor was the attorney's name and he did a huge disservice to Chris. Mr. Taylor told me that Chris would have to serve 3 years and that he had worked out this particular deal with the Solicitor. The judge gave Chris a sentence of 8 years. To say that this brought extreme grief to our family is putting it mildly. At almost 66 years old, I have been the supporter of the children since 2009. I work 40+ hours a week as a Licensed Property Manager. I am tired and want to retire. The children's mother is in school so she can obtain employment to support the children. She does receive help through grants to pay for her schooling.

After I wrote to you previously, I was directed right back to the Solicitor's office. The person I spoke with was so indifferent about my call, that I did not pursue it any further as it seemed futile. That person just stated flatly that he would have to serve his 85% and that was all that they had to say about this issue.

My heart breaks for Chris' children, he has twin boys who just turned 9 and a lovely young girl who will be 14 in August. What a wonderful world it would be if Chris could be with us this Christmas. I pray every day that a miracle will occur so that he can come home. We desperately need his help – financially and emotionally.

I realize someone other than the Governor is reading this letter – I implore you to please put this before the Governor – she is the only person I know of who could help with this.

Please, please help us get Chris an early release. We are having such a hard time (along with many others!) making things work out. It would be such a blessing to have Chris at home with his family.

With great respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlotte Grimes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "G".

Charlotte L. Grimes