

Dear Governor Haley,

Recently in the news I had read where some prisoners that had ridiculous sentences for crimes, may be able to get release early. My son is 35 years old. He is currently in the Walden Institute in Columbia. He received a 15 year sentence for 6 pills and a joint. He went and got some pills for a guy that was working with the police. So my son was like the middle man. At the time this happened my son had gotten his license back, had a full time job and full custody of his children. He was volunteering at the schools. He had his son in boy's scouts. He had just been asked to be a leader. He has now been in prison for 2 years. His ex-wife got the kids back. She did really well with them when she first got out of prison and drug rehab. But I guess the new has worn off and she is back sliding. The kids are always late for school. The other day she didn't even pick the little girl up. The kids are dirty. The little girl had head lice for about three months. The school has called DSS on her several times. My son is not perfect by no means but he was a lot better parent to his kids. My letter is really for the kids they need him so much. Even his ex-wife's mother has said he was the better parent and she wishes he was out to take care of his kids. They never know where they are staying because the mother doesn't want to keep them. She uses them against the family. My son is a good person he just does stupid stuff sometimes. If you ever had the chance to meet him, you could tell he is not a danger to society. He also found out 3 years ago he fathered a son when he was 15 years old that we never knew about until a few years ago. He had just started building a relationship with this boy. He would go get him every weekend. He bought him a phone, clothes, stereo etc... The boy was raised really poor by his grandparents. We don't have a lot of money but we would have gladly helped ~~the~~ support the boy if we had known about him. I still go get him and stay in contact with him since my son went to jail. I know this is a long shot but I am desperate. These kids really need some help. If nothing else he comes up for parole in 2015, hopefully he will make it but someone told me they don't usually make it the first time. I know he did wrong and should pay his debt but 15 years. His little girl is 8, she will be 23 when he gets out. Please, please consider this plea. He also has a 12 year old boy and the other boy we just met (which totally floored us) just turned 19, they need their father so much. He could get his old job back and start taking care of his

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kids. He could be a productive person in society. Thank you so much for any help you would consider.

Thanks,

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