

***Governor Nikki Haley
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With G-d's Name, The Merciful Redeemer, The Merciful Benefactor

RE: SARA L. MARTIN SCDC#66462

Dear Governor Haley:

I am here before you today because I live in a civilized society. And my society has afforded me the opportunity to be released after serving 85% of my time; if I am deemed worthy! I pray I am deemed worthy. But also; I at this time am eligible for the "Compassionate Release."

We now have some important **recent** reforms to the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) "Compassionate Release" program which represent major improvements in three (3) areas announced by Attorney General Eric Holder.

A Third Change-is the decision to permit elderly prisoners who are not necessarily dying or seriously incapacitated to seek early release. Prisoners 65 or older can now apply for early release if they have served 50 percent or more of their sentence, have chronic or serious medical conditions connected to aging, and experience deteriorating mental or physical capabilities that diminish their ability to function in a correctional facility.

Keeping elderly, dying, or incapacitated prisoners behind bars when their release would not threaten public safety violated human rights, common sense, and fiscal prudence. We urge the BOP to make sure that the promise its new policies are realized in practice.

We unfortunately still have extremely over crowded facilities and a lack of adequate health care. Sara L. Martin has to pay to see a doctor in prison. Our

state seems to have no properly allocated resources to provide adequate physical and psychological health care to our women in detention.

I have been the responsibility of SCDC for 19 years. I have not waited on the system to redeem me; I have worked very hard to redeem my self. Earning the right to be release back into this civilized society of mine as an active positive participant. My records here reflect that. I have been teaching others to be productive members of society-giving back to my society.

I am here because I have behaved like the uncivilized. But I have done a 360 degree turn around preparing myself to be released back into society as a civilized participant.

For 19 years I have daily asked G-d to forgive me of my sins. I have daily asked myself to forgive me of my sins. I pray others will forgive me of my sins. I can and do live with myself on a daily bases knowing I can't deviate one iota!

I am a senior citizen now. I have one of the oldest numbers of any incarcerated females in SCDC but still capable of giving back to the outside society as I have done here at SCDC. I have taught many classes, sharing with many others what G-d has blessed me with. I have reformed my self!

Upon my release from SCDC, I have housing and employment available and waiting for me through a program called "I Can't We Can." No body lives in the world by themselves. Upon my release I promise to be the best example of a reformed human being; giving back to G-d and society, proving I am worthy to be released and functioning in a civilize society with human discipline!

I **was** one steeped in error which disconnected me from G-d. I **was** like the donkey that carried a load of-volumes-of books; but neither understood them nor gathered any advantage from them.

No calamity befalls, but by the leave of G-d. (When it happens) G-d guides the mind of the person who believes in Him (into the ways of its purification and enlightenment). And G-d knows all things very well. (S.64 A.11)

When asked of G-d's Messenger (PBUH) and his reply: who is the best among the people? "A believer who strives his utmost in G-d's Cause with his life and property." And the next? "A believer who stays in one of the mountain paths worshipping G-d and leaving the people secure from his mischief." I am now both of these!

We have all sinned and come short of the glory of G-d. My prayer today is to be released back into society so that I can make up for the sin I have committed because my time on this earth is now short! I am 63 years old and I have had a stroke and am in a wheel chair.

This is my prayer for relief!

Respectfully submitted,
Sara L. Martin