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-Governor Haley,

I know this is a long shot. Quite frankly, I wouldn't blame you for not responding to this request. My name is Marcus Cheeks, I previously served in the US Army. I was given what amounts to a failure to adapt discharge. An RE-3 re enlistment code. At the time, I thought I knew what I wanted. I didn't have any responsibilities. I ruined the best opportunity in the military that I will ever have in my life. I am a man who has grown in maturity. I've acknowledged my past failings and mistakes. I've learned from my failings. As a man who embraces his past shortcomings, I know what it means to learn from my failings. To not repeat them. I want to change my family's outlook. My outlook. I currently attend college online, and work in a restaurant job as a banquet bartender. We make it by. That's not what I as a man for my family. I don't want to make it by. I want to provide. I want to prosper. I want to be proud. I have tried to regain entry time and time again, but I have been unable to attain a waiver. I recently was married on September 12, 2015. My wife is pregnant. When I went into the army, I didn't have anyone that depends on me. I didn't know the pride of responsibility. I didn't know what its like to look at a wife, and care for someone more than you've ever cared for yourself. To want to succeed just make her smile. To want to be a part of an organization that you feel is a part of you. I want to reenlist to serve my country. To regain my pride. To take care of my new family. I need help to do this. I humbly request a letter of recommendation to reenlist into the armed forces. Ill go anywhere my country will take me. I know that a letter of recommendation from someone as highly regarded as you, would make a world of difference. I can only humbly request a letter of recommendation. If you could find it in your heart to help me serve my country, myself, my wife, and future family would sincerely appreciate it. Thank you for your valuable time.

---Marcus Cheeks---  
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