

Governor Haley,

Hello Mrs. Haley. My name is Casey Butler. I am an inmate in the South Carolina Department of Corrections, currently housed at the Stevenson Correctional Institution. First I would like to say thank you for the current drug law that were passed which allowed many inmates to receive relief in their sentences. It was truly a blessing not only, for them but me as well. Although it didn't affect my situation, it was very encouraging to me and I can speak for everyone when I say thank you. I am writing in regards to asking if you would grant me some relief in my sentence. To be honest, I know that you have a very busy schedule but please allow me to explain my reasons for asking this of you. I have been in this situation for a very long time (14 years), having 3yrs. and 2 months remaining and to this very day I have yet to have gotten into any infractions or caused any disturbances. I wouldn't say that it's rare but if you were to check into it, you'd see that it's not so common. I am not stating this for bragging rights. But I'm hoping to come across as sincerely expressing how important is to me to do good and the right thing, regardless of the situation and the circumstances. Everything that the Department of Corrections was designed for totally accomplished its' mission concerning me. I can honestly say this has been a very humbling experience for me. I truly believe that I have taken full advantage of the programs offered to be rehabilitated and readjusted, fine-tuned, to be a productive and successful member of society. As well as being a great father to my only child (son). It has not been easy but I do understand that it was necessary because now I am also spiritually connected, and being a Christian man will definitely play a major role in me operating at my fullest potential. Mrs. Haley, I am not asking for you to completely release me. As much as I would like that, I'm not sure if I could ask that of you. I don't want you to receive any flak on my behalf. But I am asking if you would see fit for me to receive some type of relief or reduction on this sentence. Being a violent offender, I am not eligible to receive a furlough or work credits. My custody level is the lowest that it could possibly be and I'm not even eligible to go to a work release center until my last three months of this sentence. Even then I will not be able to work at outside vendors (roll-over) due to having a "community opposition" tag on my record. Mrs. Haley, if it's not in your reach to help me in any relief, would it be too much to ask for your assistance in granting me the privilege of spending my last few years at a work release facility and having the "community opposition" tag lifted so I could work and get back in the mode of transitioning back into society. That would be enough relief for me. It would be a blessing if you could assist me. Thanks again for taking the time out you day to read this.

Sincerely,
Casey Butler #326617