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Dear Chairman David,

Charles Norman, DC # 881834, is my oldest son. I was 47 years old when Charles went to prison. I am 77 years old now. My other sons have grown up, raised families, and my grandchildren have grown up and raised families of their own during Charles' imprisonment. Many people know my son, know what kind of man he is, and have written letters pleading for his release.

Charles' file is filled with hundreds of pages of documents verifying what we have known to be true all along—that he should never have been arrested, convicted, and sent to prison for this crime. A handful of evil, corrupt people coerced perjury, manipulated the truth, and withheld evidence to convict my son, perverting justice. Had we been wealthy people, able to fight those people, my son would never have gone to prison.

Those people never imagined that not only would my son survive over 29 years imprisonment, but he would rise up in his captivity, live an exemplary life, and become a stronger, better man because of it. Sadly, grasping at straws, those same people manipulated the victim's family to write letters opposing my son's release in 2002, letters containing false statements and untruths meant only to derail his freedom efforts.

I know this to be true because I knew Mr. And Mrs. Bluffstone, Steve Bluffstone's parents, many years before. When my boys were children, the Bluffstones operated a gas station a few miles from my home, which I sometimes patronized. They never knew my son, then or later, when they moved across town. During Charles' trial, I met them and spoke with them. Both families lost their sons.

About eight years ago, Mr. And Mrs. Bluffstone were contacted and updated on Charles' case. Mr. Bluffstone was asked

what he knew about the facts of the case, and whether anyone "official" had been in touch with him. All he knew was that in 1975 the police informed him that his son had been killed, that later he was told a suspect had been arrested and scheduled for trial. My son was convicted of the crime, so he assumed he was guilty, and the case was over, as far as he was concerned. In the ensuing 20-plus years, he had never been contacted or updated by anyone associated with the case, and knew no other details.

A person identified as Danielle Bluffstone, supposedly the widow of Steve Bluffstone, was also contacted. There is some question of her legal status, since she was a much older woman than the 20-year-old victim, and no local records of any marriage have been located.

Suddenly, out of the clear blue, in 2001, due to the efforts of a former detective working for the prosecutor, two hand-written letters from Mr. Bluffstone and Danielle Bluffstone opposing my son's release were produced. Both letters contained patently false statements, untruths, and speculations unsupported by the facts. These statements were contrived solely to negatively influence the Parole Commission, which they did. I don't think this is right. Such statements should not be allowed to stand without verification.

Nevertheless, the fact remains that my son has served over 29 years in prison. Not just his family, but many other good people believe that Charles should be released, including former state senator, John Grant, a wonderful man, strong Christian, and one of the most honest, ethical, and forthright people I've ever met, who is so convinced of Charles' suitability for release that he has offered to pick up Charles from prison and take him to his home to spend his first night. I can't imagine a more sincere endorsement.

I hope and pray, night and day, that on December 13, 2006, you will find it in your heart to release my son on parole and allow him to return to his family. I will be at Charles' parole hearing to bear witness to that. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lucille Norman