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October 26, 2017

Friend or Family Member

Number and Street.

Seattle, WA Zip

Clemency Hearing for Joe Smith December 7, 2017 at 9:00 am

Dear Friend or Family member:

I am writing with some great news about Joe Smith. While not everyone who submits a petition for clemency receives a hearing before the Clemency and Pardons Board, Joe was one of the petitioners who was granted a hearing. Initially, his hearing was set for March 2018, but when a slot opened up for an earlier hearing in December, the Board wanted to move his case to the earlier hearing slot. This suggests to me that Joe has a real shot at getting a vote for clemency from the Board.

If the Board does vote to grant Joe clemency, this will be a recommendation to the Governor of Washington, who very often follows the Board's recommendation. The Governor will then need to sign off on a grant of clemency in order for the remainder of Joe's life sentence to be commuted and for Joe to be released. The Governor's office will typically take about 6 months to review a request for release after a positive recommendation from the Clemency Board.

I have enclosed the official notification letter so you can be aware of all the details such as the exact location of the hearing in Olympia. **It is absolutely essential that Joe have a good showing of support from family and friends at the hearing on December 7, 2017**.

You are one of Joe's core people to assist him in transitioning if he is released, so I hope, not only that you will come to the hearing, but that you will work with me to prepare a statement to make to the Board. You can call me at (206) 799-2797 or email me at: jennifer@jenniferhorwitzlaw.com to connect to work on what you will say.

Thank you for your important support!

 Sincerely,

 Jennifer Horwitz