

The President of the United States

The White House

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Re: Commutation Petition

Mark Jordan, Reg. No. 48374-066

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept this letter in support of commuting the sentence of federal prisoner Mark Jordan.

In 1995, Mr. Jordan was sentenced to 318 months as an 18-year-old first-time offender after receiving "stacked" mandatory minimum sentences for two 18 U.S.C. 924(c) firearm offenses. Congress has since passed the First Step Act, which amended the law to end the practice of stacking 924(c) sentences that trigger the recidivist mandatory minimum and, if sentenced today, Mr. Jordan's prison term would be only 138 months, a full 15 years less. See P.L. 115-391, 132 Stat. 5194, Section 403(a).

Mr. Jordan was later wrongfully convicted of murder after the trial court prevented him from presenting to the jury that another inmate, a self-professed white supremacist gang member, committed the crime. Years later that inmate--Sean Anthony Riker--confessed to the murder and additional DNA testing revealed his DNA profile matched DNA recovered from the handle of the murder weapon. Despite this and other evidence of innocence, in a highly controversial opinion, the court refused to grant a new trial.

Mr. Jordan has responded to his erroneous sentence and wrongful conviction in the most extraordinary manner. After attaining literacy and earning his GED, he enrolled in college and studied criminal justice while tutoring fellow disadvantaged prisoners by teaching GED and Adult Continuing Education classes. He later earned certification in paralegal studies and prevailed in a series of litigation projects in defense of prisoners' civil and human rights. Having amassed more than 60 degrees and certificates representing thousands of hours of course study in diversified subject areas, he served as Reentry Affairs Coordinator Clerk for the Federal Bureau of Prisons under the leadership of warden Andre Matevousian, helping

prepare prisoners for their reintegration back in to society and teaching Earning Freedom, a cognitive-based offender reentry course. He remains at the forefront of justice reform advocacy, serving as Policy Advisor for the Center for Federal Justice Reform.

Having familiarized myself with Mr. Jordan and his case, I believe relief is particularly appropriate and urge you to grant Mr. Jordan's application for commutation.

Respectfully,

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