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Re: Commutation Petition

Mark Jordan, Reg. No. 48374-066

Dear Ms. Oyer,

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

In 1995, Mr. Jordan was originally sentenced to 318 months imprisonment as a first-time offender after receiving "stacked" mandatory minimum sentences for two 18 USC 924(c) offenses. Congress has since passed the First Step Act, which amended the law to end the practice of stacking 924(c) sentences, and if sentenced today he would receive only 138 months. See P.L. 115-391, 132 Stat. 5194, section 403(a). Unfortunately, Congress did not make that change retroactive.

While incarcerated, Mr. Jordan was later wrongfully convicted of second-degree murder after the trial court prevented him from presenting evidence to the jury that another inmate, a self-professed white supremacist gang member, committed the crime. Years later that inmate-Sean Riker-confessed to the murder and additional testing revealed his DNA had been recovered from the handle of he murder weapon. Despite this and other evidence of innocence, the court denied a request for a new trial.

Mr. Jordan has responded to this erroneous sentence and wrongful conviction in the most extraordinary manner. After attaining literacy and earning his own 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 series of litigation projects in

defense of prisoner's civil and human rights. Having amassed more than 60 degrees and certifications representing thousands of hours of course study, he clerked for a Bureau of Prisons' Reentry Affairs Coordinator under the leadership of warden Andre Matevousian, helping better prepare prisoners for their reintegration into society. He remains on the frontlines of justice reform advocacy, serving as Policy Advisor to the Center for Federal Justice Reform.

Having familiarized myself with this case, I believe relief is particularly appropriate and urge your office to recommend to the President that Mr. Jordan's application for commutation be granted.

Sincerely,

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