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## **BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES**

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Dear Pardon Applicant:

Connecticut is unique among other states, in that the power to grant pardons is vested in the Board of Pardons and Paroles. The Governor of the state of Connecticut does not have the power to grant pardons. Our state is one of a very few, that may grant eligible and deserving applicants a full pardon, which completely erases a criminal record. A full pardon if granted, can give you an opportunity to reinvent yourself and fully participate in society, without the stigma of a criminal history. The Pardons Board is also empowered to grant provisional pardons to those who are not yet eligible or suitable for a full pardon, but who are clearly on the path to rehabilitation and are in need of obtaining employment or licensure.

I and the other members of the Pardons Board, expect that you, in applying for a pardon, will be demonstrating to the Board and to the people of Connecticut, that you are fully committed to reversing the harm that you caused to your community and any victims, when you chose to commit your offenses.

In considering whether or not to grant you a pardon, the Pardons Board will consider several factors. The primary factor is your eligibility. However, just because you are eligible to apply, does not mean that you are suitable for being granted a pardon of any kind. Establishing your suitability is very important. Before even applying for a pardon, you should ask yourself several questions. Some examples of questions to consider are the following:

- Are you being a productive, contributing, and law-abiding member of your community?
- Are you doing your absolute best to honestly provide for your family?
- Are you furthering your education?
- Are members of your community willing to support your application for pardon?
- Do you deserve to have your crimes legally forgiven or erased as if they never happened?
- Are the victim(s) of your crime(s) willing to support your pardon request?
- Does the interest of crime victims outweigh your expression of genuine remorse and full acceptance of responsibility for your crimes?
- Have you come to the realization that you are fully responsible for the crimes that you committed?
- Are you willing and able to express genuine remorse for your past actions?
- Will you be able to live and remain crime free for the rest of your life?
- Has enough or a reasonable amount of time gone by since your last conviction?

These self-searching questions are just some of the factors which may make you appropriate for pardon consideration. If you can honestly respond affirmatively to each and every one of them, you are steps closer to being a good candidate for a provisional or full pardon. I hope you are applying for a pardon not simply because you are eligible to do so, but because you are a changed person and your activities since the completion of your sentence, merit serious consideration.

Good luck with your application! A full pardon, if granted, is a once in a lifetime opportunity and should not be taken lightly. If you are fortunate enough to be granted a full pardon, your continuing to live a crime-free existence, long after the pardon is granted, will be a positive beacon for those pardon applicants who come after you. I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erika Tindill".

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