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NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision  
Executive Clemency Bureau  
The Harriman State Campus – Building 4  
1220 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 14226-2050

RE: JOHN MOORE CLEMENCY APPLICATION

Dear Governor Hochul:

We, the below signed organization, join in the request that you exercise your discretion to grant a sentence commutation to Mr. John Moore. Mr. Moore is serving a life sentence and has been incarcerated for 26 years since he was nineteen years old. Without executive clemency he will never have the opportunity for a life outside of prison.

This request is made in cognizance of your commitment to decarceration and belief in the possibility of rehabilitation and second chances. We believe Mr. Moore is deserving of another chance at a life outside of prison considering his age at the time of the offense, as well as his reflection, remorse, maturity, and rehabilitation in the time since he has been incarcerated.

John had a tumultuous childhood marked by domestic violence. This family instability led John to turn to the streets to escape his home life. In the streets, John found the stability and acceptance he was looking for that was not available at home. With his increase in street activities, he began to devalue himself and those around him. As John has said, he was not “considering how my selfishness affected not only myself, but the environment and those living within it.”

Over his 25 years incarcerated, John has taken time to reflect on his action. He demonstrates sincere remorse about his teenage years and the actions that contributed to violence, the breakdown of his community, and ultimately the murder for which he is imprisoned. John has served as an informal mentor for many he lives and has lived with, taking the time to sit down with young men and those with short sentences to discuss alternatives for the future while helping them see their past actions through a new perspective. He is a facilitator for the ‘Alternatives to Violence’ program, finding better ways to cope and resolve conflict that do not include violence. His institutional record reflects his change—he has gone more than ten years without a disciplinary report.

John is still close with his family, even after twenty-five years of incarceration. For example, he has a close relationship with his son who he has watched grow into a man while John was behind prison walls. While John is not physically present, he has played a large part in his son’s emotional support. When his son began to get into trouble in school, John helped his son to view the risks and harm of his actions, helping to guide him to a path of success in life. John also provided financial support, not only to his children, but also to his nieces and nephews while they were growing up.

We believe that Mr. Moore is deserving of a second chance. While acknowledging the seriousness of the crime for which he was convicted, we believe his more than a quarter century of incarceration has fulfilled the purposes of punishment, deterrence, and rehabilitation.

Additionally, Project Blue, Peaceprints' wraparound services program, assigns an intensive case manager to each client to provide wraparound services in an effort to successfully connect our clients with the plethora of services needed. These services can range from housing search, Department of Social Services entitlements, health insurance navigation, referrals to medical/mental health/substance use providers, mentorship, job development and more. Peaceprints of WNY is able and willing to assist Mr. Moore upon his potential release from prison and welcome him back into the community to enrolling him in Project Blue.

We also believe that a sentence commutation for Mr. Moore would allow him to engage in positive service to his community, as he desires to do. He can help steer younger generations in the right direction and provide mentorship to them before their lives take the turn that his did.

For all these reasons, we respectfully join the request that you grant Mr. Moore a sentence commutation.

Respectfully,

*Lindsey Allen*