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Governor Haley Barbour
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Dear Governor Barbour:

This letter comes humbly begging you for a pardon on my behalf.

The perp walk and media coverage from Memphis to Tupelo caused great humiliation and embarrassment for my family and myself. After the arrest, I sought employment in the private sector to no avail. I believe that this negative coverage had an effect on me personally not being able to get a job. Thus, I decided to try and start my own business.

At present I am self-employed. I have a lawn/landscape service and outfitter guide. Both jobs are seasonal. The lawn service is basically bid contract work. The two major contracts is with the Benton County Schools and the Magnolia Energy Plant. However, TVA has purchased the Magnolia Energy Plant and they will no longer need my service because TVA has their own lawn crews. I have been unsuccessful in finding additional customers to replace this loss. This bid work is not a sure thing because the lowest bidder receives the contract.

The outfitter guides hit rock bottom while I was incarcerated. I had to get a friend and my brother to work the guides. I lost clients and the business suffered. Where I had groups of six to eight, it has decreased to two or four. My income has dropped. With both businesses practically failing, I am no longer earning the wages to support my family and pay my bills.

My main focus in life is to take care of my family. I understand that incarceration has rules, regulation and procedures and I have tried to

obey all of those. But, with house arrest, I cannot perform the outdoor job hands-on because I cannot cross over state lines. You have to be up front and present to solicit, service and maintain return business.

With the time curfew, I cannot actively participate in the activities of my children for church, school, and social events. It is hard when your child questions why you go to these events in your vehicle and don't ride with them and you must leave before the event is over.

My college major is in Criminal Justice. But having no gun rights has prohibited me from seeking employment in the career field that I have been educated for, trained for and experience in! A felony conviction prevents any opportunity for employment in this field.

I have always been active in youth hunts with family and friends. Having no gun rights, I can't take part or even take my own son hunting. My daddy took me on my first gun hunt at the age of 8. My son has a bee-bee gun that I am trying to teach him the concepts of gun safety with.

I had always been a law-abiding person and tried to set examples for the young people in our community. I had never had an arrest, never used tobacco, alcohol or drugs and my friends and young people knew that. But this conviction has cast a shadow of doubt for those same people I tried to be an example for. I will always carry this burden of regret for the heartfelt pain and suffering I have caused my family and friends.

This pardon would allow our family to get back to our normal way of living our lives.

Thank you for considering me for a pardon.

Sincerely,



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