

June 22, 2018

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington D.C. 20500

RE: Clemency for Michelle West #17809-039

Dear Mr. President,

My name is Candace Christian. I am the daughter of Sherman Christian and Cynthia Horry-Hunter. I am writing on behalf of my Godmother, Michelle West, who is serving 2 life sentences plus 50 years in federal prison. I was 6 years old when my Godmother was sent to prison. When this happened my life was affected because prior to this happening my Godmother would pick me up, take me to breakfast and then take me to school. I would sit in the car while she combed my hair and then off to class, I went. These memories will forever be etched in my mind.

I am writing you because I feel you need to know that I do not hold my Godmother responsible for what happen to my father, who is the victim in the case she was tried for. My Godmother has always been a wonderful influence in my life. I love her. I have stayed in touch with her throughout her entire time spent incarcerated. I send her cards for Mother's day and recently sent her pictures of my 1 year old daughter. My Godsister is Michelle's daughter, Miquelle, and we are very close. Miquelle was 10 years old when her mother was sent to prison and she has suffered tremendously because they are very close. Please have mercy on Michelle and set her free so she can come home to her daughter and help me continue to navigate through life. I know she will be a tremendous help for me and my daughter because she's always been a very positive influence in my life.

I have struggled with the thought of my Godmother spending the rest of her life in prison. I wrote President Obama and thought he would release her because he was focusing on people serving life sentences and her daughter was invited to the White House for a clemency summit. It was shocking that she was passed over, much like the case of Alice Johnson, who you recently set free. I cannot emphasize how much it would mean to me if you would free my Godmother so she can come home to those who have never stopped loving her. She is a first offender and deserves a second chance. Please have mercy on her and all her impacted family members.

Respectfully,

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cc. Jared Kushner