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The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine
Governor of Virginia
P. O. Box 1475
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Dear Governor Kaine:

I write to you in behalf of Joseph Giarrantano for whom former Governor Wilder commuted his death sentence and ordered a new trial for Joe which he has never received.

I've known Joe Giarrantano since he was at the State Penitentiary which was over 30 years ago. It was at that time that I was most supportive of him and was hoping that he would be released from prison. It is my understanding that the Commonwealth of Virginia destroyed evidence in which Joe could have demonstrated his innocence. Thirty years have gone by. Joe has been in a maximum security prison, has a perfect record. It is my hope that you as Governor, before you leave office, might get him a conditional pardon. In my estimation this is the least that the Commonwealth can render for this particular individual.

I ask your help. I'm aware of the case, and Joe Giarrantano certainly has my support. I hope we will have yours and receive a conditional pardon.

Thank you for giving this matter your consideration. I am

Yours sincerely,

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