



December 30, 2021

Rogel L. Aguilera-Mederos

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr. Aguilera-Mederos:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a commutation. After learning about the highly atypical and unjust sentence in your case, I am commuting your sentence to 10 years and granting you parole eligibility on December 30, 2026.

The clemency power is reserved for only the most unique and deserving cases. My decision today is based solely on the circumstances of your case.

I believe you deserve clemency for several reasons. You were sentenced to 110 years in prison, effectively more than a life sentence, for a tragic but unintentional act. While you are not blameless, your sentence is disproportionate compared with many other inmates in our criminal justice system who committed intentional, premeditated, or violent crimes. Your highly unusual sentence highlights the lack of uniformity between sentences for similarly situated crimes, which is particularly true when individuals are charged with offenses that require mandatory minimum sentences. This case will hopefully spur an important conversation about sentencing laws, but any subsequent changes to the law would not retroactively impact your sentence, which is why I am granting you this limited commutation.

The length of your 110-year sentence is simply not commensurate with your actions, nor with penalties handed down to others for similar crimes. There is an urgency to remedy this unjust sentence and restore confidence in the uniformity and fairness of our criminal justice system, and consequently I have chosen to commute your sentence now. At the end of the day, this arbitrary and unjust sentence was the result of a law of Colorado passed by the legislature and signed by a prior Governor and is not the fault of the judge who handed down the mandatory sentence required by the law in this case. As such, it falls on me to take action to ensure that justice is served in this case, and I am doing so today with this limited commutation.

A year ago, I called on the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) to study, discuss, and provide recommendations on, among other things, a guideline approach to structuring dispositions as well as ensuring consistency in the application of sentencing guidelines that mitigate the effects of individual discretion by system actors.

Now, I am calling on CCJJ again to continue this important work so we can ensure greater consistency in sentencing to prevent future bizarre outcomes like the one in this case.

The crimes you were convicted of are serious. Four individuals lost their lives and others were seriously injured because of your bad decisions. The families of these victims will never again have the chance to embrace their lost loved ones. This was a tragic event that affected many Coloradans. Though your actions have caused immense pain, I am encouraged by your personal reflection and the commercial vehicle safety changes that were made in the wake of this tragedy to ensure this type of event never happens again.

After this tragic event, the Colorado Department of Public Safety (DPS) launched the Mountain Rules, which will keep the commercial motor vehicle industry informed of traffic alerts using subscription-based in-cab alerts that notify drivers of steep grades, locations of runaway truck ramps, and areas for brake checks and cooling. DPS also developed and deployed new technology to measure and detect hot brakes along the I-70 corridor.

While you have begun the process of taking accountability and recognizing the mistakes that led to this tragic event, I strongly encourage you to take additional responsibility for your actions by seeking restorative justice opportunities to address your obligations to those who suffered loss and to repair the needs of the community due to your carelessness.

You have wondered why your life was spared when other lives were taken. You will struggle with this burden of this event for the rest of your life, but never forget that because of this event, countless others will struggle with the loss of their loved ones or injuries as well. And you will serve your just sentence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared Polis
Governor



December 30, 2021

Ronald Johnson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr. Johnson:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a commutation. After learning about your case, I am commuting your sentence by granting you a limited commutation such that you shall be released on parole effective January 15, 2022, with terms and conditions of parole to be set by the Parole Board.

My decision today is based on the circumstances of your case alone. The clemency power is unique and reserved for only the most deserving. My decision is not to be taken as a judgement on the wisdom of your conviction or a statement about any particular aspect of our criminal justice system. Those questions are better resolved through our courts and our legislature. My decision today is based solely on the circumstances of your case.

As of the date of this letter, you have served over 20 years of your 96-year sentence. The crimes you were convicted of are very serious. Nonetheless, I believe you deserve parole for several reasons.

Within the Department of Corrections, you have exhibited exemplary behavior and worked toward rehabilitation. You have served over 20 years for non-violent crimes, and you have taken responsibility for these actions. You have not had any COPD infractions since 2006. Significantly, you have a strong support network of family and friends, including your daughter, who are prepared to assist you when you return to her care in Arkansas.

You have taken accountability for your actions and recognize the mistakes you made in the past. You are remorseful and ready to advance to a new phase of life. I believe you will be successful upon your release. You have shown that rehabilitation is possible and demonstrate how every offender can use their time in the Department of Corrections.

This commutation will change your future. It is up to you to make the most of this opportunity.

Good luck to you.

Sincerely,

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Jared Polis
Governor



December 30, 2021

Nicholas Wells

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr. Wells:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a commutation. After learning about your case, I am commuting your sentence by granting you a parole eligibility date of January 15, 2022.

My decision today is based on the circumstances of your case alone. The clemency power is unique and reserved for only the most deserving. My decision is not to be taken as a judgement on the wisdom of your conviction or a statement about any particular aspect of our criminal justice system. Those questions are better resolved through our courts and our legislature. My decision today is based solely on the circumstances of your case.

As of the date of this letter, you have served over 10 years of your 48-year sentence. The crimes you were convicted of are serious. Nonetheless, I believe you deserve an opportunity for parole for several reasons.

After a jury trial, you were sentenced to 48 years in the Department of Corrections. If you were convicted today, however, because of changes to our sentencing laws, your sentence would be a maximum of 24-32 years, with further reductions for earned time.

Within the Department of Corrections, you have exhibited exemplary behavior and remained sober for 12 years. You have proven to have "exceptional conduct and work ethic." Recently, you focused your efforts with CrossFit Redemption Road, and empowered yourself and others to prioritize health and exercise. You have become a Level 2 certified CrossFit coach. You have had an exemplary disciplinary record - you have not had a single COPD violation in the last 10 years. You have also demonstrated a commitment to working with prison guards, including one who became a mentor to you. Lastly, and significantly, you have a strong support network of family and friends who are prepared to assist you when you return home.

You have taken accountability for your actions and recognize the mistakes you made in the past. You are remorseful and ready to advance to a new phase of life. I believe you will be successful upon your release. You have shown that rehabilitation is possible and demonstrate how every offender can use their time in the Department of Corrections.

This commutation will change your future. It is up to you to make the most of this opportunity.

Good luck to you.

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December 30, 2021

Travis L. Cleveland
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Cleveland:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your conviction and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 2000, you pleaded guilty to Second Degree Burglary in Pueblo County, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of this conviction.

Since your conviction you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. Through your role as a volunteer for the Southern Colorado Trail Builders, you have developed opportunities for others to enjoy and learn about the outdoors. You developed a passion for yoga and gong therapy, which you now share with the Pueblo community. Your friends, family, and colleagues commend your dedication to your own personal growth, your family, and your community. Your work has contributed to the vibrancy of the Pueblo community. I hope this pardon will create even more opportunities for you, such as allowing you to travel abroad for workshops and training.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

Others who have experienced circumstances similar to yours may look to you for guidance and inspiration. I hope you will pay it forward and serve as a positive example for others to follow.

Good luck to you.

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December 30, 2021

Rudolph L. Garcia
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Garcia:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your conviction and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 1997, you pleaded guilty to Possession/Sale Schedule I or II Controlled Substance in Denver County, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of this conviction.

Since your conviction you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You have overcome your struggles with addiction and have been sober for over 20 years. You are committed to developing your career, building a stable life, and giving back to the community. You work with individuals dealing with substance abuse issues to utilize the 12 steps of recovery and change their lives. Family and friends commend you for taking charge of your addiction and becoming a positive and productive member of society.

I am encouraged to see that you have acknowledged the mistakes you made and taken responsibility for your actions. Those prior hardships became an opportunity for growth and not an insurmountable hurdle. I hope this pardon will create opportunities for you.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

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Good luck to you.

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December 30, 2021

Michael D. Jordan
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your conviction and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 1997, you pleaded guilty to Manufacture, Distribution, and Sale of Marijuana and Possession of a Defaced Firearm in Jefferson, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of these convictions.

Since your convictions you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You raised a daughter, bought a home, built a successful career in Information Technology, and are engaged to be married. Your friends and family describe you as a loving, involved parent and an honest, law-abiding member of the community. You acknowledge you made mistakes as a young man and you have taken responsibility for your actions. I admire that you used your early hardships as an opportunity for growth and not an excuse to give up or become embittered. I hope this pardon will create opportunities for you, such as allowing you to accomplish professional goals and to travel abroad.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

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December 30, 2021

Reginald L. McGriff
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. McGriff:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your convictions and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 1996, you pleaded guilty to 3rd Degree Assault and 2nd Degree Forgery and Criminal Attempt in Weld County, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of these convictions.

Since your convictions you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You have overcome your struggles with addiction and have been sober for over 23 years. You married and became a father. You have worked for the same company for over 23 years. Colleagues describe you as someone who goes above and beyond to help others. Family and friends describe you as honest, dependable, and someone they can trust. I hope this pardon will create opportunities for you.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

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Good luck to you.

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December 30, 2021

Henry J. Cruz Moreno
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Moreno:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your conviction and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 2001, you pleaded guilty to Menacing - Felony in Arapahoe County, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of this conviction.

Since your conviction you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You have overcome your struggles with addiction. You supported your wife and children through illnesses. Your family describes you as their rock and source of comfort. You set up informal food pantries for those in need. Neighbors and friends describe you as someone they can rely on for support during tough times. You owned an upholstery and carpet-cleaning business for 9 years.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

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December 30, 2021

Joseph M. Dacosta Murillo
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Dacosta Murillo:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your convictions and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 1982, 1983, and 1988, you pleaded guilty to Assault in Pueblo County, Colorado (1982F3388), Conspiracy to Commit 2nd Degree Burglary in El Paso County (1983CR542), and Possession Controlled Substance in Denver County (1988CR778). I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of these convictions.

Since your convictions you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You overcame your addictions. You devoted your time to family and work. Through your role at Community Outreach and Common Root, you have taken people with disabilities into your home and treated them as family. You served the Pueblo community through your work as a funeral director and grief counselor at Angelus Chapel. Your family and friends speak of your care and devotion to your children and grandchildren. I hope this pardon will help you in your endeavor to remain in this country - where you have lived since you were 12 years old - so that you may continue caring for your children, your adopted family, and your community.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

Others who have experienced circumstances similar to yours may look to you for guidance and inspiration. I hope you will pay it forward and serve as a positive example for others to follow.

Good luck to you.

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December 30, 2021

Ryan Nguyen
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your conviction and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 2008, you pleaded guilty to Distributing a Schedule II Controlled Substance in Douglas County, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of this conviction.

Since your conviction you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You have become a Certified Public Account, opened your own tax firm, and become a father. Your parents have spoken to your hard working character and how this conviction has limited your professional development. Your partner attested that you inspired her to pursue a university degree and that she, in turn, inspired you to seek therapy for personal growth. You are doing everything you can to provide for your family and your daughter. I hope this pardon will create opportunities for you to continue to grow and continue to make your family proud.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

Others who have experienced circumstances similar to yours may look to you for guidance and inspiration. I hope you will pay it forward and serve as a positive example for others to follow.

Good luck to you.

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December 30, 2021

Armando J. Solano
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Solano:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your conviction and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 2008, you pleaded guilty to Possession of Marijuana with intent to distribute in El Paso, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of this conviction.

Since your conviction you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You have taken steps to learn from your mistakes, completed your high school equivalency diploma, and completed all stipulations of probation. You bought your second home and have shown a commitment to your children. Your friends and colleagues have written compelling letters on your behalf. They all attest to your hard work and dedication to others. It is clear that you have learned from your past mistakes and have become a better person. I hope this pardon will create even more opportunities for you to succeed and allow you to continue to mentor younger colleagues.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

Others who have experienced circumstances similar to yours may look to you for guidance and inspiration. I hope you will pay it forward and serve as a positive example for others to follow.

Good luck to you.

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December 30, 2021

Mohammed F. Suleiman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Suleiman:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your convictions and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 2006, you pleaded guilty to two counts of Controlled Substance – Unlawful Use Schedule II in Mesa County, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of these convictions.

Since your convictions you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You overcame your drug addiction. You married and became a father. You volunteer in outreach and recovery programs, and act as a mentor for young men in corrections. Colleagues and friends describe you as honest, hardworking, and devoted to your family. They also commend your volunteerism and enthusiasm to better your community. I hope this pardon will create more opportunities for you, such as allowing you to apply for service in the military.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

Others who have experienced circumstances similar to yours may look to you for guidance and inspiration. I hope you will pay it forward and serve as a positive example for others to follow.

Good luck to you.

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December 30, 2021

Theresa Elizabeth Yoder
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Yoder:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your conviction and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 2007, you pleaded guilty to Controlled Substance - Possession Schedule II – 1 Gram or Less in Mesa County, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of this conviction.

Since your conviction you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You have overcome your struggles with addiction and have been sober for almost 14 years. You are a committed mother and employee. You have dedicated your time to helping the community, including your experience volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America and Hilltop Latimer House. For 10 years, you have been a guest speaker at a youth detention center where you educate kids about side effects of using substances. Your family, friends, and colleagues describe you as a person with the highest integrity, empathy, and devotion to others. I hope this pardon will create even more opportunities for you, such as fulfilling your decade-old promise to your son to take him hunting and providing you with concrete evidence to show the teens you educate about how it is possible to overcome addiction and past mistakes.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

Others who have experienced circumstances similar to yours may look to you for guidance and inspiration. I hope you will pay it forward and serve as a positive example for others to follow. Good luck to you.

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December 30, 2021

Anthony J. Formby
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Formby:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your conviction and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 1980, you pleaded guilty to 1st Degree Arson in Jefferson County, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of this conviction, which is now over 40 years old.

Since your conviction you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You are committed to developing your career, building a stable life, and giving back to the community. Your family and friends describe you as a hard worker, trustworthy, and a respected member of the community. I hope this pardon will create even more opportunities for you, such as allowing you to expand your job opportunities.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

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Good luck to you.

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December 30, 2021

Stephanie Marie Gssime
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Gssime:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your conviction and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 1995, you pleaded guilty to theft in Summit County, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of this conviction.

Since your conviction you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You have honorably served your country in the United States Navy. You have raised a son, put him through college, built a successful career in sales and marketing, and are now in a position of leadership and mentorship. Your friends and colleagues attest to your commitment to your family, your work, and your community. I hope this pardon will create even more opportunities for you.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

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December 30, 2021

Timothy Ryan Lewis
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your conviction and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 1999, you pleaded guilty to theft in El Paso County, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of this conviction.

Since your conviction you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. Through your work as a foster parent with Hope and Home, and you have provided children with a stable and secure home in times of great need. Your family, friends, and colleagues all attest to your strength of character and commitment to your community. I hope this pardon will create even more opportunities for you as you continue to grow your family and pursue higher designations in your field.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

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December 30, 2021

Miguel A. Navarro
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Navarro:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

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Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 2006, you pleaded guilty to Menacing – Real/Simulated Weapon in Adams County, Colorado; however, your crime did not involve a weapon. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of this conviction.

Since your conviction you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You created a boxing program designed to coach and mentor at-risk youth in the community. At your work as a Social Caseworker in Child Protective Services, you assist children and families in need. You married and became a father. Your family, friends, and colleagues commend your dedication and compassion to better your community. Your work has contributed to the vibrancy of the Grand Junction community. I hope this pardon will create even more opportunities for you, such as allowing you to apply for law enforcement positions.

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December 30, 2021

Shawn Phillips
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Phillips:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a pardon.

Of the hundreds of applications for pardons my office receives, yours is one of the few I am granting. I am doing so because you have demonstrated your commitment to moving past your conviction and starting anew, while taking with you lessons you have learned throughout your life.

Many people with criminal histories desire a second chance, and you have earned one. In 1994, you pleaded guilty to Criminal Attempt and Harassment – Strike, Shove, Kick in El Paso County, Colorado. I am granting you a full and unconditional pardon of this conviction.

Since your conviction you rededicated yourself to living as a good citizen. You started your own business, married, and had children. Your family, friends, and colleagues describe you as dedicated to your family and career, and a person of integrity. I hope this pardon will create even more opportunities for you.

Not everyone earns the privilege of a second chance but you have demonstrated that you deserve one. I hope you will make the most of this opportunity and treat your obligations seriously. It will require hard work and dedication to stay on the right path. I have confidence that you will move beyond these past mistakes and build a better life for yourself and your loved ones.

Others who have experienced circumstances similar to yours may look to you for guidance and inspiration. I hope you will pay it forward and serve as a positive example for others to follow.

Good luck to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor