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June 7, 2024

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Re: Petition for Commutation of the Life Sentence of Pamela Smart

Dear AG Formella, Governor Sununu and Executive Council:

Enclosed please find a completed Request for Commutation package. It includes all required materials as outlined in the general form as well as a personal letter from Pame, a video of a short statement from her, and a number of letters detailing her progress, remorse and rehabilitation.

The N.H. Supreme Court in its Decision in 2023 clearly stated that any relief that Pame seeks should be through the Governor and Council. At this time, she seeks that relief as she has established “fitness to return to society without being a threat to it.” State v. Farrow, 118 N.H. at 305 (1978).

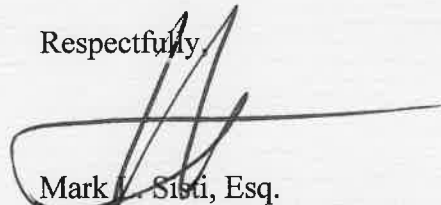
This Petition illustrates overwhelming evidence supporting rehabilitation, remorse, self-improvement, and true dedication to redemption. Many highly trained corrections officials and academics, as well as instructors and correctional officers attest to her development and accomplishments that have now spanned over 33 years.

The offense took place when Pame was 22 years old. She is now well into her 50’s. She has matured beyond her years and has grown to realize her part in the murder of her husband. She takes full responsibility for her actions and truly wishes to express that to the Governor and Council, the survivors of her husband and the citizens of the State of New Hampshire.

She has been in the care and custody of the State of New York for over three decades. If commutation is granted, her true focus is to remain in that state to be managed by the New York Parole System. Such an arrangement can be realized.

It is our request that after three plus decades, the Governor and Council would see fit to graciously allow Pame to address them, answer any questions they may have, and truly show that she is deserving of this mercy.

Respectfully,



Mark V. Sisti, Esq.
Attorney for Pamela Smart

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Enclosure
Cc: Pamela Smart

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For Consideration by the New Hampshire Executive Council and Governor Christopher T.
Sununu

Petitioner: Pamela Smart

Prepared by: Mark L. Sisti, Esq., Sisti Law Offices

Dated: June 7, 2024

Link to video:

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Certificate: Outstanding Student Award (in the field of Prison Ministry, Spiritual Leadership, and Social Justice)

Certificate: NY Theology Seminary – Masters of Professional Studies 6/12/2023

Certificate: NY State Assembly Citation from Chris Burdick for Completion of NY Theological Seminary Master of Professional Studies Program) 6/13/2023

Certificate: Chief Financial Officer of the Brooklyn Nets-Personal Finance and Financial Literacy

Letter of Support for Sentence Commutation for Pamela Smart from Elane A. Lord, Superintendent (Warden), Retired, Bedford Hills Correctional Facility from 1984-2004 3/20/2021

Letter from NH Corrections and Community Supervision accepting Pamela Smart Earned Housing Unit at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility 9/15/2023

Commendable Behavior Report, Department of Corrections and Community Supervision 5/12/2024

Letters of Support:

- Denise Noe, supporter 10/21/2021
- Tallulah Gillespie, fellow inmate, Bedford Hills Correctional Facility 2/1/2022
- Erica Davis, fellow inmate, Bedford Hills Correctional Facility 2/1/2022
- J. Dorsey, fellow inmate, Bedford Hills Correctional Facility 2/6/2022
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- N. Dixon-Nesmith, reference for Earned Housing Unit 2/16/2022
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- Dr. Dawn Ravella, Executive Director, Communities for Healing and Justice 11/22/2023
- Edward T. Crosby, Jr., friend, and supporter 12/19/2023
- Patrick J. Chapman, supporter 1/31/2024
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- Quandera Quick, Incarcerated Grievance Program Supervisor, NY Corrections and Community Supervision 3/18/2024
- Laura Whitehorn, Co-Founder, Release Aging People in Prison/RAPP 4/11/2024
- Nicole Scott, Retired Corrections Officer, Bedford Hills Correctional Facility 4/15/2024
- Serena Martin-Liguori, Executive Director, and Amanda Acevedo, LMSW, Director of Services & Reentry, New Hour 5/1/2024
- Serena Martin, Executive Director, New Hour 5-10-2024
- Peter Stern, Brooklyn Nets CFO 5/30/2024

INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH PARDON PETITION

Full Name: Pamela Ann Smart

Residence: Bedford Hills Correctional Facility
P. O. Box 1000
Bedford Hills, NY 10507

Date of Birth: 8/16/1967

Marital Status: Are you married? No

How many children do you have? 0

Give their ages: N/A

Employment Summary: (List your last three employers, the period of time during which you worked for each employer, and the nature of your work).

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Criminal Record: **[List all felonies and misdemeanors (including traffic offenses) for which you have been convicted with the place, date, and disposition of each offense]**

Accomplice to 1st Degree Murder (Rockingham Superior Court)
March 22, 1991; Life without Parole

Conspiracy to Commit Murder (Rockingham Superior Court)
March 22, 1991; 7.5-15 years (served)

Tampering with a Witness (Rockingham Superior Court)
March 22, 1991; 3.5-7 years (served)

Give a brief statement of the reason why you want a pardon.

I am seeking a commutation of my sentence because I do not want to die in prison. I am not the same 22-year-old young woman who entered prison over three decades ago. I have spent a lot of time and effort working to change my negative ways and build my character to ensure that I will never make the same poor choices I made then. I take full responsibility for the death of my husband, and I am remorseful for the pain and anguish my selfish actions caused others.

I feel that I have a comprehensive record of rehabilitation that shows who I am today. I have a superb record of self-betterment and maturity. I am no danger to the community, and I show no potential for recidivism. I carry the assessment by New York correctional professionals that I would be a credit to the community, and I have employment offered. I have the full support of my family, friends, and community members. I would like the opportunity to return to the community and be a productive member of society.

Moreover, no official in the New Hampshire Corrections or the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office knows me personally now or asked to meet with me to assess the last 33+ years that I have been imprisoned, and who I am today, or why I should be heard by the Council in person to question and evaluate me as the person I am today.

I have been in prison nearly all of my adult life, and to face a future without any hope for release is crushing my spirit to the point that it is a struggle to stay alive every day. Correctional facilities are designed to "correct" behavior, and when that happens – when real rehabilitation takes place – people should be given a chance to return to the community.

As a civilized society, we would consider it inhumane to leave a dog in a cage for 3 decades. My death by incarceration is inhumane, and it does nothing to provide the world with any good. I am asking for the opportunity to give back to the community in a way that enriches the lives of others. I cannot take back this tragedy, but I can devote myself to a life of service that honors Gregg's memory and brings good from this tragedy, rather than perpetual punishment, vengeance, and negativity.

After nearly 34 years of incarceration, I have served longer than the men who murdered Gregg, and all of the other men charged with being accomplices in this crime. I am asking for the same mercy and compassion that the State of New Hampshire granted these men.

NOTE: The following information must be provided for ALL convictions for which you seek a pardon; stating "All NH Convictions," "All Convictions," or the like, is not adequate. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Give name of the offense for which a pardon is sought: Accomplice to 1st Degree Murder

Date of the offense: May 1, 1990

Town or city where offense occurred: Derry, New Hampshire

In which court were you convicted? Rockingham Superior Court (NH)

What was the name of the judge? Judge Douglas Gray

Who prosecuted the case for the State? AAG Paul Maggiotto

What was your plea? Not Guilty

What was the date of your conviction? March 22, 1991

What sentence was imposed by the court? Life without parole

Were you represented by an attorney? Yes

If so, what was that attorney's name? Mark Sisti, Esq.; Paul Twomey, Esq.

Have you applied for an annulment of the conviction? No

If so, what was the date of the petition for annulment? N/A

List all facilities in which you have been incarcerated on this conviction: NH State Prison for Women (8/1/1990-3/11/1993); Bedford Hills (NY) Correctional Facility for Women (3/11/1993-present)

Are you presently incarcerated? Yes

If so, where? Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, Bedford Hills, NY

What is your present minimum parole eligibility date? Not eligible for parole

Give a narrative statement for the offense for which you seek a pardon, giving all details of how the offense was committed and telling just what happened.

See Letter attached.

Signed:



Dated:

3 June 2024

Present Address:

247 Morris Rd.

Bedford Hills, NY

10507

19 March 2024

Honorable Governor Sununu:

Over 33 ½ years ago, I was sentenced to spend the rest of my natural life in prison. I was given this living death sentence at the young age of 22, and I will be 57 years old in a few months. I have been in prison for more than half of my life, and nearly all of my adult life. I am asking for your executive grace so that I do not die in prison.

It has taken me decades to come to a place where I can more fully understand and accept responsibility for my inexcusable actions and behaviors 33 ½ years ago. I am deeply sorry that my selfish choices set into motion the chain of events that ended in Gregg's murder. For so many years, I deflected blame because I honestly did not want to accept being responsible for his death. I made excuses, dismissed my own involvement, and blamed everyone else but myself. I lied to myself and rationalized that, because I wasn't there the night Gregg was murdered, because I didn't pull the trigger, I wasn't responsible. I became comfortable in my warped logic because I didn't want to face the fact that Gregg's murder was no one's fault but my own.

It took years, decades even, for me to come to the place I am at today. My journey here was riddled with missteps, progress, and failures. For years, I only scratched at the surface of my responsibility, but God gave me the strength to persevere in the roughest places, and push past my own discomfort so that I could move to the place of growth and accountability I am at today. Today, I accept responsibility for the murder of my husband Gregg. I am the one to blame for his absence from this world.

It is not possible to adequately express my sorrow and anguish for the hurt, pain, damage, and suffering so many people have experienced because of me. I am sorry that I hurt so many others. I am the one who deprived Gregg of a full life with his family. I am the reason he could never enjoy his career, experience fatherhood, or guide his goddaughter throughout her life. I am the one who caused his family irreparable harm and shattered their lives forever. I apologize for not reaching this place of my own accountability sooner because I especially regret not having apologized to Gregg's Mom and Dad, who always loved and treated me as a daughter, while they were still alive.

I am committed to doing whatever I can to make amends and help to provide some measure of healing to those I harmed. I am working now to help provide some semblance of understanding and closure for the family members who are still here because I owe them that in the very least. While the words "I am sorry," could never be enough, I am committed to facing my responsibility as bravely

and honestly as they deserve. It is my sincere hope that my honesty, to the extent that it can, will promote healing in their lives.

I am not applying for a sentence reduction because I believe I “deserve” a chance at freedom. I understand that I “deserve” nothing. I am humbly asking for compassion and mercy. The men who actually murdered my husband have been out of prison for years. Only I remain imprisoned for the rest of my life. I was 22 years old, not 30 or 40, when Gregg was murdered. I have served twice as long in prison as the perpetrator and the other “accomplices” in this case. I have been in prison for so long, that I am now incarcerated with women who weren’t even born when I arrived here. There are prison guards in charge of my safety who were not even born when I entered prison. I have been in prison for longer than I was ever in the free world. In addition to my incarceration, I have been beaten to the point where I had to undergo plastic surgery, and I was sexually assaulted by a prison guard who was in charge of my safety. I wonder: when will enough be enough? My sentence appears to be a punishment without end, a vengeance that can never be sated.

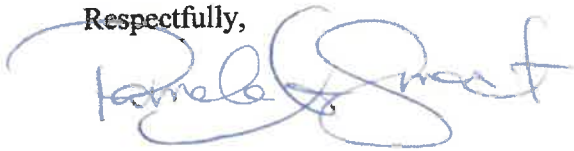
My parents are now in their 80s and are both in declining health. I would like to be able to go home so that I can care for them in their final years. As long as I could care for them, it wouldn’t matter if I were made to wear an electronic monitoring device and under house arrest for the remainder of my life. I am a daughter crying out for the opportunity to care for my mother and father at the end of their lives.

I would also like to be able to spend some time with my 13 year old godson Jadorae, and my 6 year old goddaughter Pammie. They have been lights in my life since their births, and it has been my greatest joy to be a significant part of their lives. These children have only been able to spend time with me in the prison visiting room, and they constantly ask me when I am coming home so that I can spend time with them outside of prison. Pammie tells me she wants me to be able to attend her school plays and dance recitals. Jadorae always expresses his sadness that I cannot watch his track meets and football games. We have developed strong and solid bonds in spite of my physical absence from their lives. While sharing their lives from a distance brings me a joy that surpasses all understanding, it is accompanied by a profound grief and sorrow because their young minds cannot even fathom that I may never be able to hug them in freedom. It is the most heartbreaking experience to have to look into the face of innocent children and not know how to answer their question, “when are you coming home?”

I am begging for forgiveness at the feet of the State of New Hampshire. The State’s “Live Free or Die” option leaves me with death, a prolonged death, a cruel, torturous existence devoid of

hope. No human being, imprisoned or not, should be denied hope. A life without hope is no life at all. Justice must be tempered with mercy and compassion or it is not justice at all. The State of New Hampshire found forgiveness, mercy, and compassion for the men who put my husband on his knees and shot him in the head. They were afforded another chance at life, yet the same grace is unavailable to me. Today, I ask for the same forgiveness, mercy, and grace God offers all of us, despite the fact that not one of us deserves it. I pray that you will champion balance in the pursuit of justice, adopt the moral stance of believing in redemption and replace punishment, harm, and vengeance with hope, healing, and restoration. I have been buried alive for over 33 ½ years, and without your intervention, I will die here. I am pleading with you to allow me to breathe the air of freedom again.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pamela A. Smart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pamela" and last name "Smart" clearly legible.

Pamela A. Smart

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ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND TRAINING

- New York Theological Seminary – “Outstanding Student” award for demonstrating academic excellence, innovation, and the implementation of best practice in the field of prison ministry, spiritual leadership, and social justice. Ms. Smart was chosen for this award by NYTS’ President Walrond, Academic Dean Henry and Professors of the Master’s in Professional Studies Program, June 2023.
- Academic Achievement Citation from NY Assemblyman Christopher Burdick, June 2023.
- Founder, LOVE: Letting Our Voices Emerge. This is a writing group designed to get the voices of incarcerated women out into broader criminal justice advocacy efforts, May 1, 2023 – present.
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- Ordained Minister – Christ’s Church Fellowship International, June 21, 2020 (Minister I.D. #0021)
- Certified Pastoral Level Biblical Counselor – Christ’s Church Fellowship International, Restoration Biblical Counseling & Associates, June 21, 2020.
- Completion of Unit 1 – Clinical Pastoral Education (St. John’s Episcopal Services, NY) April 2007
- Graduate Level Research Course (Columbia University), April 2000
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude, University of Alabama Criminal Justice Program, April 1997
- Teaching Apprenticeship through N.Y. State Department of Labor, April 1997
- Awarded University of Alabama’s Sam Howard Memorial Endowed Scholarship for Criminal Justice Studies, 1996
- Certified, GED Teacher’s Aide, New York State Department of Labor, 1993-2003 and 2005-2014
- Completed Civil Rights Movement Course (CUNY), December 1995
- Graduated (Highest in Class), Legal Research Course, January 1995
- Certified Peer Facilitator, AIDS Institute and New York Department of Health, 2021

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PUBLISHED WORKS

- Selected Poetry – *Exchange*. Columbia University School of the Arts, 2024.
- Selected Poetry – *Return to Sender* Magazine, 2024
- “Defiant Hope: Breathing Life Into Carceral Death.” *American Prison Writing Archive*. Baltimore, MD, 2023.
- *Exchange*. Columbia University School of the Arts, 2024.
- “Survival from Behind Bars,” *Aids Pandemic: The Untold Story*. Keville, Dorothy. Columbia South Carolina, 2021.
- “What I Want My Words to Do to You.” Ed. Judith Katz. PBS *Point of View*. Documentary, 2003. This documentary won the coveted “Freedom of Expression” award at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival, and the “PASS Award” from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.
- ““Changing Minds:” The Impact of College in a Maximum-Security Prison.” Collaborative research by the Graduate Center of the City University of New York and women in prison at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, September 2001.

- “A Space for Co-Constructing Counter Stories Under Surveillance.” *Critical Psychology*. The International Journal of Critical Psychology. Eds. Michelle Fine and Anita Harris. London: Lawrence and Wishart, 2001.

GROUP PARTICIPATION

- Leadership Sacred Table – Pastor Doris Tongo, October 2009-2011.
- Rites of Passage – spiritual courses, October 2009 – January 2010.
- World AIDS Day, 2009 - present.
- Director of Praise Dance Ministry, 2006 - present.
- Gospel Reader, church services, 2005-present.
- Elected Longtermers’ Committee Delegate 2005-2010.
- Member of Playwright Eve Ensler’s creative writing group, 2000-2007.
- Organizer for Intramural Softball League, 1995 – present.
- Member of N.O.W., 1994 – present.
- Member of Longtermers’ Committee, 1994 – present.
- Organizer of Aids Counseling and Education Walk-a-thon, 1993 – present.
- Elected by peers and RTA civilian staff for RTA program leadership, 2007 – present.
- Workshop Leader for all incoming RTA members, 2007 – present.

PROGRAMS

- Women’s Initiative Program, 2019.
- Family Violence Program, 2013.
- Pastoral Training Program, 2012.
- Service Award for Exemplary Tutoring, 2006 – present.
- Network, 2004.
- Inmate Program Aide in Network/Step-Up Program, 2003 – 2005.
- Alternatives to Violence, 2000.
- Alternatives to Violence II, 2000.
- Down on Violence, 2000.
- Anger and You, 2000.
- HIV/AIDS Workshop, 1997.
- Academic Inmate Program Aide (IPA) Training, 1995.
- Academic Outreach Tutor, 1994 – present.
- Teacher’s Aide in Pre-GED 1, 1994-2012.
- Money Addiction, 1994.
- Prison Fellowship – “The Search for Significance,” 2019.

REHABILITATION THROUGH THE ARTS

- Modern Dance, 2022-present
- Scene Study/Adaptation, 2022
- Music Theory and Songwriting III, 2019
- Theater Production of Lynn Nottage’s *Fabulation*, 2019 – present
- Theater Production, 2017 – present
- “Life and Dreams,” 2018-2019
- “Music Theory Composition and Songwriting,” 2018

- Theater Workshop, 2018
- “Scene Study” Workshop, 2017
- “Theater, Dance, and Movement,” 2017
- Actor, singer, dancer in *The Wiz*, shown at the United Nations Symposium on Poverty and Criminal Justice, 2017
- “Music Theory for Theater,” 2016
- “Devising Theater,” 2016
- Full Production of “Broadway Cabaret,” 2015-2016
- “Original Writing for Theater and Performance,” 2015
- “Developing Characters, Performance Skills and Acting,” 2015
- “Love, Visual Literacy, Composition, Monologue Writing, Musical and Monologue Performance,” 2014
- “Poetry as a Vehicle for Expression,” 2013
- Writer, actor, singer, and dancer in original RTA Musical Production, *Amazing Grace*, 2021-2013
- “Creative Writing, Ensemble Building and Performance of Singing, Acting and Movement,” 2011-2012
- “Creating a Safe Haven through Music, Writing, and Performance,” 2011
- “Exploring Mythology,” 2011
- “Interpreting Shakespeare through Writing and Performing Original Scenes,” 2010
- “Women and Mythology,” 2010
- “Art and the Individual; Interpreting Great Art through Character Development,” 2009
- “Creative Discovery,” 2009
- “Interpreting Great Writings,” 2008
- “Poetry, Monologues, Improvisation, and Collage,” 2008
- “Public Speaking and Communications,” 2007



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*In witness whereof we have caused this diploma to be signed by the duly authorized officers of New
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Done in the City of New York, this 12th day of June in the year of our Lord,
two thousand and twenty-three.




President


Vice President for
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and Academic Dean


Chairman, Board of Trustees



New York State Assembly
Citation

As a duly elected member of the State Assembly of New York, I congratulate

Pamela Smart

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June 13, 2023

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Chris Burdick

*Member of the NYS Assembly
93rd District*

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Peter Stern
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May 31st, 2024

Date

Elaine A. Lord, Superintendent, Retired

March 20, 2021

Letter of Support for Sentence Commutation for Pamela Smart

The Honorable Chris Sununu, Governor of New Hampshire
Office of the Governor, State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Honorable Governor Sununu:

I am writing this letter in support of the sentence commutation application for Pamela Smart who is incarcerated in the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in New York State. I was the Superintendent (Warden) of Bedford Hills from 1984 until my retirement in 2004. I knew Ms. Smart from the time she arrived in Bedford Hills until I retired.

Ms. Smart has completed many self-improvement programs while incarcerated (detailed in her commutation packet) and is a very intelligent person who remains involved and dedicated to her own improvement. When I look back, or when I speak to other women who have been released, I also know that Ms. Smart has helped many women who struggled to earn their ABE or GED credentials. She helped other incarcerated women to understand, write or respond to legal documents. To these women, she gave much of her time and was patient and supportive.

I am also aware that since my departure she has earned Honor Floor housing, and that she has served as a representative and president of the Inmate Liaison Committee, a highly regarded committee that meets on a regular basis with prison administration. Ms. Smart is currently serving as an elected Inmate Grievance Representative.

Ms. Smart has been incarcerated for over 30 years and is over 50 years old. In her early 20s, she received a sentence of life without parole. This sentence fails to recognize that people who are incarcerated for many years mature, change, and set goals for themselves. I believe Ms. Smart is one of those people. In addition, studies have shown that incarcerated people who serve long sentences have an increasingly smaller risk of recidivism.

After nearly 22 years as the Superintendent of the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, after almost 30 years in corrections, and after my ongoing involvement in Hour Children, a New York based organization that serves the needs of formerly incarcerated women, I have come to believe that every inmate serving a long sentence deserves to have consideration for possible release based on the time they have served and what they have done with their lives while in prison. On a very pragmatic level, this practice reduces the burden of elderly inmates remaining on the public coffers. On a more philosophical level, it leads us to ask as a society what constitutes enough punishment. What does a life sentence achieve for the incarcerated person or for society? If in fact we incarcerate people in order to prevent them from committing other crimes, then the studies showing reduced recidivism as inmates age justify considering revisiting Ms. Smart's sentence. If we incarcerate people in order for them to be punished for their crime

and to be "reformed," then it is fair to argue that 30 years represents "fair" punishment and that Ms. Smart's contributions to her own self-improvement and the improvement of others constitutes reformation.

I grew up in New Hampshire, attended the University of New Hampshire, and my family still resides in Dover. I know the terrible impact Ms. Smart's crime had on the community and the state. My sister, a school counselor, followed the trial closely and initially, she was comfortable with the sentence rendered to Ms. Smart. However, she and so many other family members and friends from New Hampshire, whenever I visit, talk to me about the fact that Ms. Smart is still in prison. I watch them and listen to them as they think back to the horrendous crime, but then as they do the math and realize no sentence, no amount of time, can atone for the senseless loss of life that occurred, they begin to ask themselves what purpose is being served by keeping Ms. Smart incarcerated for the rest of her life.

I asked myself this question every day of my professional career with the State of New York's Department of Corrections, and I continue to ask it as I work with formerly incarcerated women when they are released. Ms. Smart has grown old in prison. She is no longer the "vixen" the press labeled her. She has been living in a New York prison with people who are very different than she: far less privileged, far less educated, far less able to handle being away from their families, far less mature, far less capable of navigating life in a maximum-security prison. She has helped them with patience and kindness; she did this when I was superintendent, and she continues to do this. I'm not sure what else we can ask of prisoners as we try to decide what should become of them.

I hope that you will allow Ms. Smart to be at least considered for release. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,



Elaine A. Lord,

Superintendent (retired)

cc: Robert Juceam, Attorney at Law



Corrections and Community Supervision

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

DANIEL F. MARTUSCELLO III
Acting Commissioner

September 15, 2023

Pamela Smart
93-G-0356
Bedford Hills Correctional Facility
247 Harris Road
Bedford Hills, NY 10507-2400

Dear Ms. Smart:

This is in response to your correspondence concerning a transfer to an Earned Housing Unit (EHU) at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.

An EHU is established to further promote safety and security for staff and incarcerated individuals. EHU is not a right, but a privilege afforded to incarcerated individuals who meet the demanding eligibility criteria.

It has been determined that you meet the criteria for placement into the EHU at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. The transfer will occur when appropriate space becomes available.

If you have further concerns regarding this matter, direct them to facility officials as they are in the best position to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel F. Martuscello III".

Daniel F. Martuscello III
Acting Commissioner

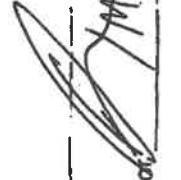
cc: Eileen Russell, Superintendent - Bedford Hills Correctional Facility
Central Files

COMMENDABLE BEHAVIOR REPORT

Name of Incarcerated Individual Smart, P DIN 93G0356 Cell No. _____
 Location Fiske Facility Bedford Hills Date 5/12/24 Time 11:20am

Description

Smart's behavior has been excellent and incomparable. As a result of her positive behavior, Pam Smart has become an inspiration to all people here at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. She has done a great job of being a positive role model to all incarcerated individuals who have been at the facility. Ms. Smart has used her time to not only obtain a Master's Degree but also motivate other incarcerated individuals to continue their education. She has accepted responsibility for the events that led her to the position she is currently in and uses her experience to help others learn and grow from their past. She demonstrates daily that she is prepared to become a responsible, law-abiding citizen and reintegrate into society by adhering to all of our policies and procedures. Smart has proven she can make the right choices and avoid negative influences. I have observed her utilize the tools she has gained from her programs to assist others and positively motivate them in a challenging environment. I am confident in her ability to reintegrate into society and make a successful contribution to her community.

Signature of Person Reporting Commendable Behavior:  Title/Date C.O. 5/12/24

Office of the Governor
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

10/21/2021

Denise Noe
811 S. Gary Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Dear Governor Sununu:

I am writing to urge you to extend mercy to Pamela Smart who is doing life without the possibility of parole for conspiracy to commit the murder of her husband Gregg Smart. All four of the individuals who actually murdered this man are on parole and have been for several years. One conspirator, Cecelia Pierce, never even served a day in jail.

Pam Smart has spent over thirty years of her life in prison. During her imprisonment, she has suffered enormously. For example, two other inmates brutally beat her so badly that she had to have a metal plate inserted into a side of her face.

Mr. Sununu, it is probably best not to try to relitigate this case. The truth is that Pam Smart never showed any criminal tendencies prior to the murder and has shown none since her incarceration. During her imprisonment, she has not committed a single act of violence but has done much to help other inmates.

Some people say she must die in prison because she does not admit that she orchestrated the murder. However, she has admitted many times that she is guilty of engaging in sex with murderer Billy Flynn when he was legally underage and admitted that that relationship led to the killing of her husband. She has expressed deep remorse for that action.

I believe it is inappropriate in principle to insist that only those who confess to the crimes of which they have been convicted can be eligible for parole because that assumes a perfect system of justice that

never wrongly convicts a defendant. We have a good system, perhaps the best, but no system can be perfect. Example: Anthony Capozzi was convicted of – and imprisoned for -- two rapes in Buffalo, New York. He went before the parole board five times. Each time, he was asked about remorse. He always answered that he could not express remorse for crimes he had not committed. Family members begged him to admit to the crimes and say he was sorry to increase his chances of parole but Capozzi could not bring himself to falsely confess. He was eventually released from prison when the true rapist, Altemio Sanchez, was proven guilty. Note: I am not saying Pam Smart is innocent, only that the possibility of judicial error should mean we do not use failure to admit to a crime as a block to parole.

Pam Smart has lived in prison longer than she lived in the free world. She is middle-aged and growing old. She has been punished very harshly.

Please find it in your heart to show mercy to Pam Smart and commute her sentence to one allowing parole.

Thank you so much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,


Denise Noe

February 1, 2022

Tallulah Gillespie
06G1084
Bedford Hills Correctional Facility

Governor Sununu:

My name is Tallulah Gillespie, and I've been incarcerated at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for 16 years. I am writing this statement on behalf of Mrs. Pamela Smart who is currently seeking a commutation from your office.

As a child, I like so many other American citizens, heard of the Pamela Smart case. Through the lens of the media Mrs. Smart was, and typically is, depicted as a scandalous manipulator who deserves nothing less than life in prison for her involvement in an unfortunate crime. However, from my own experience, I've observed and grown to know Mrs. Smart on a personal level, which is different from that of what the world has been limited to experience and/or see. For the former and latter reasons, I believe that Mrs. Smart deserves a second chance to live life free via the mercy of your Council.

At the age of 20, I came to Bedford Hills Correctional Facility as a youth serving 20 years in a maximum-security prison. I had little family support, no interest in furthering my education, seeking spirituality or positive productivity during my incarceration. I was a very angry and lost youth surrounded by few incarcerated individuals who aspired to be more than what society thought them to be. Mrs. Smart was/is one of those incarcerated individuals who always seeks to help others and brings positive energy and perspectives to all situations.

I first met Mrs. Smart my first summer in prison during a softball game where she was/is the captain of the softball team. Being young and athletic, I was a good candidate for the team, and Mrs. Smart always encouraged me to channel my personal hardships, such as anger, through the game. Over time, I continued to be on the softball team every summer, and my relationship with Mrs. Smart continued to flourish.

Mrs. Smart is an extremely active and positive member of the Christian congregation at Bedford. As we became good friends, she encouraged me to increase my introspection and seek spirituality to counter the struggles I continued to have in my life. These were emotional struggles that burdened me and altered my attitude and behavior, such as guilt, depression, loss of family support, hurt, and anger. As I developed a bond with Mrs. Smart, she confided in me her similar struggles and how she found solace in God. As a result, I became more spiritual, attending church services with Mrs. Smart as she often gave testimonial speeches. Thanks to Mrs. Smart, and her inspiration to become a better person despite the circumstances, today I am a much more grounded person who meditates daily and is an active member in the Sunni Muslim community.

Mrs. Smart was also the reason I joined the Rehabilitation Through the Arts (RTA) program here. I did not really want to join because I am very shy, but she kept encouraging me, so I gave it a chance. I am so grateful for her encouragement because RTA helped me to build confidence and character, which helped facilitate my personal growth. Throughout my incarceration, she has helped to steer me, and numerous other women, into positive programs. Most recently, she encouraged me to be a part of a writing group through Columbia University Teacher's Union. As I am about to be released back into society, I know that many of the skills I now carry are a direct result of Mrs. Smart's nurturing presence in my life. I am evidence of a life she has helped to change for the better.

Moreover, in 2018, Mrs. Smart and I were elected as grievance representatives for the inmate population at Bedford. Together, we helped mediate situations between staff/security and incarcerated individuals. This is a powerful and influential position she still holds. Mrs. Smart also has helped me, and countless other incarcerated individuals, obtain a Bachelor of Science in Social Science. She tutors much of the population, and has assisted scores of women with obtaining GEDs, Associate's, and Bachelor's degrees.

Civil Rights pioneer Annie Abrams once said, "Service is the rent you pay for staying on God's earth." I, like so many others that know Mrs. Smart on a personal level, see and have experienced the service she has dedicated to becoming a better and changed person for herself and for others. Mrs. Smart's positive service to aiding literally hundreds of incarcerated individuals academically, spiritually, and with mental health wellness selflessly proves not only is she more than what and who the media says she is. In addition, her selfless service shows that she deserves another chance to live amongst the free citizens in society. I believe Mrs. Smart will continue her service to humanity if released, as her passion and as her dedication to her Christian faith encourages.

The journey of man is to grow, experience, and continue to grow. While I am not saying Mrs. Smart did not partake in past bad decisions as we all have, I am saying that she has learned from her bad decisions, accepted responsibility, and continues to aspire to be a better person with the help and guidance of Jesus Christ, her Savior. I believe she should not be judged based on the past, as the media would have us do, but on her acceptance and accountability of her involvement in her crime, and her sincere growth and great service to countless lives. I hope as people of faith and/or political leaders who are elected to provide sincere and positive service to society, that you consider all statements and documents presented to you and be the leader who gives Pamela Smart fair consideration and a commutation.

Sincerely,



Tallulah Gillespie
06G1084; 114D-22
PO Box 1000
Bedford Hills, NY 10507

February 1, 2022

Dear Governor Sununu,

My name is Erica Davis and I'm currently incarcerated at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. I met Pamela Smart here and I must say that it has been an honor. I was not mentally prepared to serve a fourteen year sentence and Pamela helped me do my time. With no guidance when I first got here I felt I would not have the strength. She encouraged me to sign up for college, complete mandatory programs and do volunteer programs. Before prison, I was not a religious individual but Pamela helped me find God. For that one act I could never repay her in this lifetime. I watched sports but never got involved until Pamela told me to give it a shot. Now every softball game I am active in. Those are just a few things she introduced me to so I can stay positive while serving my time. If I needed help with homework, if I was hungry, if I was filled with negative thoughts, or even if I just needed to vent because my therapist was not available, Pamela was there. I could not thank this woman for all she has done for me mentally and physically. The wisdom she has instilled in me will last many lifetimes. If anyone deserves a second chance at freedom it's Pamela smart.

Yours truly,



Erica Davis

P.O. Box 1000

Bedford Hills, NY 10507

02.06.2022

Dear Gov. C. Sununu,

Soon after I arrived at Bedford Hills Correctional four years ago, my mother asked me if I'd met Pamela Smart. I had not. Today, Pam is one of my neighbors and co-workers whom I've come to ~~know~~^{know} over the years. She is kind-hearted, caring, and reliable. She wakes up every morning looking for new ways to help people or make this prison a better place. It's impossible to make this prison a better place but I know this experience (31 years) has made Pam a better person.

She matured into a woman here in this prison.

She's facilitated every program, led several committees obtained numerous degrees, and has ~~he~~ earned a

second chance at freedom. There's no doubt that she is rehabilitated and remorseful for her husband's death. Pamela's been in prison longer than I've been alive. I'm a 30 year old mother of 2, serving 15 years. I have a date to return home to my daughters. Pamela Smart deserves a date to return home to her family.

She's served so many years that there's nothing left for her to do, learn, or rehabilitate in prison. Gov. Sununu, in considering Pamela's commutation, I think it will be fair to take heed to all she has accomplished, how many lives she's changed in this prison, the fam she has at home, as well as what 31 years have done to her mentally and emotionally. The media, tabloids

Journalists, and movies cannot vouch for Pamela
the way people closest to her can.

Thank you for your
time,
J. Dorsey

Raquel Eva Glenn
10g0677
114C-14
2/6/2022

Dear Governor Christopher Sununu:

Inmate Pamela Smart was sentenced to life without the parole of which she has served over 31 years. In these 31 years she has sought solace and enlightenment in which to carry out her sentence. One of the paths she chose was to further her education. She has a Masters of Science in Law. She also has a Masters of Fine Arts in English Literature. She didn't stop there because during the pandemic she finished her P.H.D. in Bible studies. She accomplished this in her cell, using her own typewriter while she kneeled on the floor because BHCF denied her access to the school building's amenities. Her drive gave her the tools to help other less fortunate inmates consequently leading her to become our grievance representative. She's been elected into her 8th term. Please reduce her sentence and allow her high achieving drive to benefit the free world. She's a gem that should not languish any longer in prison. Her talents should be put to good use by our society.

Thank You,

Raquel Eva Glenn

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raquel Eva Glenn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kim Brown 95g1508
Bedford Hills Correctional Facility
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Bedford Hills, NY 10507

Honorable Christopher Sununu
State House
107 North Main St.
Concord, NH 03301

February 7, 2022

Dear Governor Sununu,

My name is Kim Brown. I'm writing to you to plead for mercy for Pamela Smart. I met Pamela Smart shortly after arriving at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in 1995. I had watched her trial on TV and had a preconceived idea of who she was. I viewed all of my initial interactions with her through the lens of that preconceived idea.

It was only after I was moved to the same housing unit with her that I got to really see for myself who she was. I saw her not just helping people but befriending people who others avoid, dismiss, tease, and even abuse. My heart swells at the memory of one individual in particular. Chickie was her nickname. Chiquita Guillery was a woman with mental health issues. She did not keep herself or her surroundings clean. She often smelled bad, and she had a child related crime. People would have been very mean to Chickie but Pamela Smart befriended Chickie and because Pame loved Chickie, everyone loved Chickie.

In this environment, people often use their influence to use and abuse others, especially those who have mental health challenges. Pamela Smart set a standard at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility that still exists today. Chiquita Guillery died in 2009 and the chapel was packed to capacity for her memorial. Today, there are 2 units that house incarcerated individuals with mental health challenges like Chickie's. Until

2009 that was not the case. Unless they posed an immediate threat to themselves or others, those individuals no matter how low functioning, were housed in population with everyone else. Pamela Smart created an environment in which bullies protected, instead of preyed on, the vulnerable.

Over the years, I've become very close to Pamela Smart. For over a decade, we served together as leaders in the Protestant church community. I've witnessed Pamela Smart's personal and spiritual growth. As she grew in The Word, she grew in faith and her testimonies became deeper and more meaningful. I've heard Pamela Smart speak on topics like the importance of sobriety; the importance of education, non violence, commitment, honesty and a host of other topics. The thing that was constant throughout each presentation was the love of God, regardless of a person's past.

I believe Pamela Smart is deserving of a second chance. Prison is supposed to correct poor behavior and attitudes and once that mission is accomplished, people should be returned to society. Otherwise, it is not justice. It's revenge. Pamela Smart has spent over 31 years in prison. She is not the person she was 31 years ago. Today, she gives tirelessly of herself and I believe she will be an asset to any community she joins. She has been an indelible asset to this one.

The seriousness of Pamela Smart's crime can never be minimized. The irrevocable pain she caused her victim's family as well as her own is insurmountable. We however cannot be a society that throws people away. Because of Christ we are all redeemable and I pray that you look at Pamela Smart for who she is today and not who she was in 1991 and commute her sentence.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and giving it serious consideration.

Sincerely,


Kim Brown

February 8, 2022

Dear Governor Sununu,

I am writing to you as a letter in support for Pamela Smart's consideration for commutation of her life without parole sentence.

I firmly believe that keeping Ms. Smart incarcerated after 31 years to be strictly punishment without any rehabilitative component. Over the past 31 years Ms. Smart has accomplished more than any other incarcerated individual at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. It is unfair to fail to give her the opportunity of utilizing her diverse skill-sets which she acquired throughout her incarceration as part of rehabilitation.

Ms. Smart has been a role model to hundreds if not thousands of incarcerated women over the years. If she is not given the opportunity to be released it will have a negative impact on not only Ms. Smart but also potentially the entire incarcerated population's hope at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.

Upon release Ms. Smart will undoubtedly be an asset to society. She has the potential to enlighten society to the

desperate need for change within the prison system.

It is my sincere hope that you will afford Pamela Smart the well earned opportunity of a sentence reduction. She is a prime example of rehabilitation through punishment. Ms. Smart deserves the chance to implement the positive changes and growth she has tirelessly worked on in a normal societal setting.

I respectfully request that you grant Pamela Smart commutation of her sentence. I thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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DIN# 1460790

Bedford Hills Correctional Facility

247 Harris Road

Bedford Hills, NY 10507

February 9, 2022

Dear Governor Sununu,

I am hoping since my last letter to you your heart has softened re: Pamela Smart - A hearing from you and the State Executive Council allowing Pamela a new petition seeking clemency.

I spoke with Pamela's mother on the phone, she sounds very frail. Her daughter's long incarceration and Mrs. Wojas years of fighting for her daughters release has taken a toll on her. Mrs. Wojas constantly prays for her daughters release before she dies.

Just give Pam a chance of a new petition. Don't let/make Pam die in prison - it's your chance to do the Honorable thing Mr. Sununu. You believe in the right to life - Give Pamela Smart a chance to life outside of prison. Find it in your heart to send a daughter back home to her mother -

Sincerely,

Miane Clareau
95 W. Kanforth Road
Freedom N.H. 03836

C.C.
Pamela Smart

February 10, 2022

Honorable Governor Sununu,


I am writing this letter on behalf of Pamela Smart, who is seeking a sentence reduction. I have known Ms. Smart since my arrival here at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in 2009.

Ms. Smart is a Christian, and I am an Orthodox Jew. Although we do not move in the same circles, I have lived with Ms. Smart at different points along the way. Prior to my incarceration, I was a Physician, so I have always paid attention to details. My detailed observations of her include that she is always helpful to others, and she is both kind and genuine. Whenever anyone asks her for help, which they often do, she drops everything she is doing to assist. I remember one time when I personally needed her help, and even though she was just leaving the shower, she stopped to lend a hand. This is characteristic of her every day personality and her willingness to help whoever needs it at the time.

I want to share this incident with you that happened two weeks ago because it is still fresh in my mind, and it shows the character traits of Ms. Smart. I came from a visit with my daughter, who I had not seen for more than 10 years. I was just overwhelmed with all emotions possible for a human being wrapped into one big ball. I was talking to a few of my friends about my special visit and crying with tears of happiness and joy. We were all crying. Pamela saw us and approached with a question, "are you OK?" Upon hearing the fact that my daughter had come, she became very emotional and cried with us showing her support, love, and human understanding. In the same room, there were many other women who were present at that time, who did not even notice that something was happening, never asked, never approached, just did not care. Pamela has a heart full of love and care for other people. Please let that beautiful human heart flourish and be helpful to the people outside of the prison, where Pamela has been incarcerated for many decades.

I believe that she deserves a second chance at life outside of prison. She has done an incredible amount of work on herself in order to be an asset to those around her. When I look at her, I see someone of unparalleled strength and resilience, despite her tragic sentence. Instead of giving up, she has worked to remain positive and giving. I hope that you will find it in your heart to grant her the mercy she is seeking. I thank you for considering what I have written.

Sincerely,



Mazoltov Borukhova

PO Box 1000

Bedford Hills, NY 10507

P.S. Give PS a chance to live a normal life outside the four walls of a tiny cell. The world is built on mercy.

February 14, 2022

Governor Sununu:

This letter is in support of Pamela Smart for a time commutation. I have had the fortune of knowing Pamela for seven years and I am honored to call her a friend. I have learned so much from her and I am grateful for her guidance. She is a beacon of hope for us who witness her accomplishments and gain from her benevolent actions.

As an advocate, Pamela obtained a legal research certificate from the state and immersed herself into learning about the legal system. So accomplished in this area, that she has successfully assisted countless of inmates in their legal issues. To date, she is the most sought out legal advisor we have had.

Pamela has taken notable steps in fighting for our rights, filing motions and law suits in pursuit of better living conditions in our facility including the betterment of our health care and for our safety.

In an effort to be of service and put her knowledge of law to use, Pamela ran for and was elected by her peers to be an Inmate Grievance Representative. In her role she applies her incredible knowledge of DOCCS' rules and regulations and NYS laws to advise our peers of their rights and educate them on how to apply the laws and rules to get a positive outcome in their grievances. She tirelessly pursues the resolution of hundreds of grievances.

As an academic achiever, Pamela's accomplishments include two Masters' Degrees and a Doctorate. These degrees, hard to accomplish in the free world despite the high end technology and internet available, were achieved utilizing standard equipment, such as a typewriter and carbon paper, and limited research material. To her credit, she achieved this living in a noisy, chaotic and hostile environment. This speaks volumes of the incredible drive and tenacity she possesses. She inspires all of us to seek education and empower ourselves with knowledge.

Pamela has been a minister to many of us. Her strength comes from the solid foundation she has in Christianity. An amazing speaker, you will often find her leading mass services and prayers and conducting entire services. She has brought many to be saved by religion with her heart-felt testimonies, guiding us to make better choices, instilling the importance of forgiveness and morality. Through her influence we have become better mothers, wives, sisters and friends. She has literally converted some of the most hostile inmates into acceptable members of society.

Pamela is a humanitarian. I have been one of hundreds of recipients of her generosity. She provides for those who don't have financial assistance or finds a volunteer to be of service for them. She works with groups on the outside to bring visitors for those who don't have family nearby. No one has impressed me more than Pamela with her generosity, kindness and love for humanity. She devised a way to give to her peers without it seeming like charity, she created "game day" on Christmas Eve. This monumental event, hosted by Pamela, incorporates prizes she gives to participants on her unit for winning games. In that one evening of games Pamela brings our unit together creating friendships, building bonds and bringing lightness to our heavy hearts. This event is a teaching tool for life skills such as teamwork, trust, respect, etc. It promotes

peace and reduces hostility. The painstaking task of putting this event together is indicative of the love she has for humanity. You can see why she is revered, respected and admired; she is the cornerstone to us.

Like every single person on the planet, Pamela is an imperfect human that makes mistakes. At the age of 21, Pamela was involved in a crime that took the life of her husband. It took Pamela years of reflection and rehabilitation to mature into the responsible and accountable woman she is today and she has come to accept responsibility for her role in that crime. Since she can't change the past, she has chosen to be of service to her community to redeem herself and that is what she has spent her entire incarceration (over 31 years) doing, goodwill.

Pamela has been a devoted member of a group called RTA (Rehabilitation Through the Arts) for the past 13 years, where she was voted in as head of the leadership steering committee. In her role, she is a liaison between the members and civilian workshop facilitators. She meets with the organization's leaders to discuss workshop progress, performances, schedules, etc. Highly respected and trusted, she often provides opinions on future workshops.

Ever the helper, Pamela volunteers to be of assistance every chance that presents itself. During several Covid-related lockdowns, where population was locked in for 23 hours a day, Pamela became the unit coordinator handing out meal trays and accompanying drinks and fruit to ensure that everyone received one. She organized a laundry schedule fairly providing everyone an opportunity to wash, distributed unit supplies and even assisted in collecting garbage and cleaning. We depend on her to keep things running smoothly and she never falls short in her tasks. If it sounds as if I am idolizing her, it's because her actions are pure and selfless, and those are traits not easily found in anyone else here. I've never met anyone like her; she is unique.

Rehabilitation isn't accomplished through a government issued program, there are no such programs in prison, it is accomplished through the desire to be better and putting in the hard work daily. It takes maturity to accomplish rehabilitation to the degree that Pamela has. If all she has done isn't enough to warrant consideration for time commutation then it can only be assumed that no one can rehabilitate in prison, which is not the case. Pamela is the epitome of rehabilitation.

I respectfully ask you to please consider everything Pamela has accomplished in all these years and please have mercy.

Thank you for your time,
Manuela Morgado, 14G1115

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

EARNED HOUSING UNIT REFERENCE FORM

Earned Housing Unit applicants are expected to have a positive behavior and attitude, evidence of willingness to work well with staff and inmates in a cooperative manner, and maintenance of good personal hygiene with regards to both one's person and one's surroundings.

All applicants must exhibit a definitive desire to improve, take the necessary steps towards rehabilitation, and portray an outstanding degree of program participation. **In addition, all applicants are to behave and act at a level well above the norm.**

Name of Applicant: Smart, Pamela DIN: 9390356 Unit: 114C30

Please print the following information:

Name of reference: N. Donovan-Smith Title: Admin. Equip. Supv.

Name of program: IGV

Do you think the applicant is suitable for the Earned Housing Unit? Circle one: Yes No

Reason: Ms. Smart a hard worker, pride in her job, very respectful to staff as well as her peers.

Point out some of the applicant's attributes or achievements which she has displayed/accomplished:

- Knowledgeable
- always willing to help and train others
- responsible
- reliable
- dedicated

Would you consider the applicant an approachable individual?

Yes, Ms. Smart is very approachable and willing to listen, make constructive criticism when necessary.

How would you rate the applicant's general attitude/behavior during her participation in your program? Pick one of the following:

- Poor Average Good Above average

Additional comments: I think ms. Smart would be a great asset to Ciske. She has displayed a great deal of knowledge to follow the rules and regulations of the facility.

Signature of reference: [Signature] Date: 2/16/22

**** THIS E.H.U. REFERENCE FORM MUST BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE "EARNED HOUSING UNIT COMMITTEE" C/O GUIDANCE & COUNSELING. IF THE APPLICANT INQUIRES ABOUT THE REFERENCE PLEASE LET THEM KNOW THAT IT WAS SENT TO THE EARNED HOUSING UNIT COMMITTEE AS INDICATED. ****
THANK YOU!!

25 February 2022

Honorable Governor Sununu:

Words cannot even begin to describe who or what Pamela Smart has given me. Pame is more than the knowledge, certification, and degrees she has acquired during her 31 years of incarceration. She is a hope and inspiration to me.

I had no hope when I was sentenced in 2009 to 25 years to life. Suicide was my only way out, but Pame may not know or remember, but it was those times when the only empty seat in the church was right next to her. It was her embrace that kept me living another year. Pame may not know that her willingness to thoroughly and relentlessly help me – a stranger – with my legal work, which gave me strength to endure another 5 years. Pame may not know that her generosity and thoughtfulness to those of us who have, and those of us who do not have, I have always admired, and it carried me another 5 years.

Pame may not know that I see her beautiful heart and her weepy soul for what was, and what is now. I was once told that a person is not measured by what bad things they have done, but by the good they have done, and the good they are doing, to overcome those bad deeds. Pame has spent 31 years of her life trying to make right her wrongs, and she cannot bring back her husband, but please believe and take into consideration the **MANY** lives she has saved behind these gates, mine being one, and it began with an embrace.

GOD has changed Pame, whether she knows it or not into an angel that walks this earth and assists in all HIS ways. Pame has changed and flourished into that human being who is worthy of forgiveness, redemption, and a chance to walk outside of these gates and into freedom. Pame is the epitome of rehabilitation in a correctional facility. It is fervent hope that you will consider who she is now as you decide whether to grant her request for a sentence commutation. She is worthy to return home so others can feel the warmth of this angel as I have.

Sincerely,

Tammara McCoy
09g0262
247 Harris Road
Bedford Hills, NY 10507

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammara McCoy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and address.



July 5, 2022

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www.rta-arts.org

The Office of Admissions
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 500
New York, NY 10015

To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend *Pamela Smart* for the 1st Master's class at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Ms. Smart is more than qualified and ready to pursue this educational journey. She is a driven, adaptable, and organized person, as well as a skilled leader.

As Director of Operations for Rehabilitation Through the Arts (RTA), I first met Ms. Smart in 2016 because she is a participant and member of our steering committee at Bedford Hills Corr. Fac. Since 2016 and longer, she has been a member and leader with RTA, Ms. Smart continues to demonstrate initiative in working with her peers and RTA facilitators and staff to make RTA a very successful program at Bedford Hill. She eagerly sought out extra responsibilities including planning and facilitating groups, and she is often the lead facilitator in our RTA 101 (orientation) workshops when we bring in new members. Ms. Smart embraces opportunities for Higher Education, which expands and solidifies her competent leadership skills.

As an alumnus of NYTS, class of 2011, I am fully confident that Ms. Smart is a great candidate for the program being offered at Bedford Hills. She has a degree in Biblical Studies from CLU. She is in a leadership position in the Protestant Chapel at the facility since 2005. She has been the Director of the Liturgical Dance Team since 2006. In addition, Ms. Smart is allowed to lead chapel services in the Pastor's absence, the only incarcerated person permitted to do this.

I hope you will strongly consider Ms. Pamela Smart as a candidate for the upcoming Master's class at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. She will make an excellent student and mentor. If you have further questions about her background or qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles Moore, MPS
Director of Operations

To: Admissions Committee

Re: Pamela Ann Smart

From: Sr. Dorothy Maxwell, O.P.

July 9, 2022

It is an honor to recommend Pamela to the Masters Program, as I see regularly in her office, classroom and briskly moving between buildings as she takes seriously her responsibilities as a grievance representative.

It is only four of the thirty two years that she has been in Bedford, that I have had contact with Pam, but she has made a lasting impression on me. Her pleasant personality, well groomed appearance, manner in which she conducts herself as an incarcerated individual and ability to relate to staff and inmates is what impresses me. My observations lead me to desire her as a vital staff member rather than one who suffers the consequences of what happened causing her to receive a long sentence. Like so many, she has used her years to better herself by helping others and participating in the programs for personal enrichment. Would that I could observe this in so many of my coworkers in my many ministerial history.

Pamela has displayed self-assurance under adversity as a victim of social injustice and using her intelligence and expertise in advocating for the women in an often unfair penal system, while remaining rational in irrational situations. Her last rejection from the State Attorney's Office of New Hampshire, was devastating, but she continues to strive for her own justice and self-improvement. This occasion impressed me, as the other chaplains and I displayed our empathy.

The history of her academic endeavors proves that Pam is qualified for your requirements for another degree, and I assure you the faculty members will discover the qualities you mention in providing a character reference.

If any further information is needed I will be happy to respond.

Sincerely,

Sr. Dorothy Maxwell, O.P.

* * * * * Via Email * * * * *

Deacon Clifford Calanni, BCC
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July 13, 2022

The Office of Administrations
New York Theological Seminary
475 Riverside Drive Suite 500
New York New York, 10015

Re: Pamela Smart

Greetings:

I am writing this recommendation letter on behalf of incarcerated individual Pamila Smart for I truly believe that she would be a perfect student for the Master's Program based on the following accomplishments:

- Graduated with two Master's in Fine Arts and Law (*Summa Cum Laude*)
- Graduated with a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies (*Summa Cum Laude*)
- Active Member of the Church Leadership for twenty years
- Director of the Liturgical Praise Team
- Ordained Minister
- Facilitator (*Minister*) for Christian Services in the Absence of the Pastor
- Leadership Position in the RTA (Rehabilitation Through the Arts)
- Resides in the "Honor Floor" housing unit
- Elected by Her Peers as the Unit Representative
- Teacher's Aide for Pre-GED Class for over Twenty years
- Worked in the Step-Up/Network with the Mentally Ill
- Certified by the NY State Department of Labor as a Peer Facilitator
- Certified by the AIDS Institute as an HIV/Aids Counselor
- Serves as the Grievance Representative - liaison between the incarcerated and the Administration

Sincerely,



Deacon Clifford Calanni, BCC

Prison Chaplain

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July 15, 2022

Office of Admissions
New York Theological Seminary
475 Riverside Drive – Suite 500
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Pamela Ann Smart has requested that I provide a letter of recommendation to accompany her application for admission to the NYTS Graduate Studies Program. I have been requested to rate her against others of her age and position. That is difficult because there are very few 52 year-old women serving life without the possibility of parole and accomplishing what Pamela has in the 32 years she has been incarcerated. By way of full disclosure, I have known Pamela for three and one-half years, but have never met her face to face. During the time I have known her, she and I have shared over 300 letters, in the course of which I've gained insight into who she is and what her goals in life are. She has earned a Master of Fine Arts degree, a Master's degree in law, and a doctorate in theology and ministry. The first two have been used to better the lives of her fellow inmates, while the latter, plus her proposed studies at NYTS, are for her spiritual growth. Like the Apostle Paul, her prayer would be, "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection." My ministry background includes thirty years as an ordained minister in a major Pentecostal denomination, and twenty years of ministry at large since then. I have helped many people recover from major life difficulties and Pamela's situation is unique in that she has maintained her steadfastness in the face of an "impossible" situation, and has become better rather than bitter toward her life circumstances, without ascribing blame or guilt. Of the people in prison I have known, she has chosen to get the most mileage from a second chance.

Her physical, emotional, and spiritual stamina are evidenced by the schedule she keeps within prison walls, serving as Grievance Representative for the betterment of the living conditions of her fellow inmates, and holding a leadership role in both the in-house church and RTA, Rehabilitation Through the Arts, which she helped to establish. She has become integrated in the lives of her fellow inmates to the greatest extent that is permitted by prison rules, and has demonstrated compassion and creativity, helping solve their problems. Incidentally, Pamela has a strong dedication to quality, graduating *summa cum laude* in all of her programs. I became acquainted with her through newspaper articles discussing her plans to pursue a doctoral program in ministry, and wanted to learn more about the nature of her relationship with Christ. I was pleased to see that her spiritual life had flourished behind bars, so to speak. I have served as one of her spiritual advisors, and she has felt free to share with me most of the rather unique frustrations which accompany her situation.

Pamela Smart is one of the most motivated people I know. While we are hopeful that legal interpretations by the New Hampshire Supreme Court may open the door a tiny crack toward her eventually being granted parole, she is realistically handling the present reality of her life in prison, making lemonade out of lemons. The benefit of her studies at NYTS will be readily applied to her service within the walls as well as service in the community at large if she should someday be granted the opportunity to serve God outside the walls. I know of few people in the "outside world" who have availed themselves of the opportunities Pamela has. She has been blessed in some ways with the "luxury" of an abundance of time on her hands, and she takes advantage of every opportunity to make use of the resources at her disposal to benefit her fellow inmates – I have known her to sacrifice of her own limited resources to brighten the lives of those who have nothing. She has delightedly shared in a resourceful way how others were blessed and has maintained her humility. I believe Pamela's life can best be evaluated by concentrating on what God has done in her life in 32 years. This is not to minimize or disregard the sequence of events which led to her being in her present situation, but rather to balance what the power of the Holy Spirit can do in a life which is fully surrendered to Jesus.

Most sincerely in Him,



Rev. William A. Wittik
Pastor and President
Community Christian Center, Inc.

The Honorable Chris Sununo
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

July 27, 2022

Dear Governor Sununo,

This letter is written in support of Ms. Pam Smart's request for commutation of her sentence of life without parole. The unfairness of this sentence would appear to be without question. When one couples that with the person Ms. Smart has become over the 31 years she has been incarcerated, the injustice of this sentence would appear to be undeniable.

As Ms. Smart's primary care physician at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, I have had ample opportunity to get to know her. I have been in this role for over fifteen years. I have watched her navigate emotional and physical issues throughout this time, both involving herself and her parents. She does this with her usual even temperament and her unending quest for information that may help the situation. She clearly is a loving and concerned daughter.

I continue to be impressed with her drive to make the most out of her incarceration. Not only does she continue to further her education despite her multiple degrees but she also uses her knowledge to help other incarcerated individuals. Many of my patients have confided to me that they would not have been able to finish their school (for many this is for their GED) without Pam's help. She is a wonderful and generous tutor.

She is a mentor to other incarcerated individuals and seems to thrive on the good she is doing. She is clearly respected at Bedford as can be seen by the way other incarcerated individuals rely on her for help and advice as well as the responsible jobs she has been and continues to be given. She is like the energizer bunny, pushing herself to keep going- to better herself and others.

If Corrections is about change, she has demonstrated that the system can work. She has become what Corrections strives for - a contrite, caring and very productive member of society. She deserves to have her sentence commuted. She has done more than her share of prison time.

Sincerely,



Ellen Gomprecht, MD
Bedford Hills Correctional Facility

April 24, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Nikisha L. Dixon-Nesmith, and I am employed as a Senior Offender Rehabilitation Coordinator for the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. I am also the Supervisor of the Incarcerated Grievance Program. I am writing this letter in support of Incarcerated Individual Pamela Smart's efforts to get a reduction in sentence.

I have known Ms. Smart for approximately 13 years. I have interacted with her through her involvement in the Family Reunion Program, and I am now her supervisor in the Incarcerated Grievance Program. Ms. Smart is currently serving in her 10th term as the elected grievance representative for this facility. As her direct supervisor, I interact with Ms. Smart every day, and have observed that she is an extremely reliable and dedicated worker.

Ms. Smart is a valuable asset to the grievance program. She has an extensive wealth of knowledge concerning the day-to-day operations of the grievance office, and I count on her to manage numerous tasks simultaneously. She works well with staff and her peers, and she is particularly gifted in the area of dispute resolution. She uses her intimate knowledge of numerous departmental and institutional policies and procedures to respond to grievance complaints. She assists with preparing weekly, monthly, and yearly reports. She works to informally resolve grievances when possible, and conducts grievance hearings when necessary.

In my daily observation, I have found Ms. Smart to be dependable and exceptionally dedicated to her work in the grievance office. She is often the first one in the office every day, and the last one to leave. If I need anything done, even on short notice, I know I can count on her to complete the task. She evidences a level of commitment that is uncommon here. She is intelligent, articulate, kind, and well respected by her peers and staff.

I am aware that Ms. Smart has served over 32 ½ years of her life without parole sentence. As a Senior Offender Rehabilitation Coordinator, I am also aware of what

constitutes true rehabilitation and change. I have spoken at length with Ms. Smart about her acceptance of responsibility for her crime, and I believe her remorse and rehabilitation are genuine. She has completed all mandatory programs, and she has taken the initiative to complete numerous voluntary programs as well. She remains a leader and participant in many of those rehabilitative programs today. That shows me that her commitment to continuing to better herself is real.

I hope that you will consider reducing Ms. Smart's sentence so that she will have an opportunity for release. I have no doubt that, if she were released, she would be a law-abiding contributing member of society. She is an excellent employee, and I have no doubt that if she were released, she would be a valuable asset to both her workplace and community. I hope you will consider reducing her sentence so that she has an opportunity for parole.

Sincerely,



Nisha L. Dixon-Nesmith

SORC/IGP Supervisor

PAMELA SMART DIN: 939 0356

3031 County Highway 107
Amsterdam, New York 12010

August 27, 2023

Office of the Governor
Governor Christopher Sununu
107 N. Main Street Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Pamela Smart

Dear Sir:

I wrote to you in March of this year, but have not had the courtesy of a response. Herein I am restating my previous observations and requests.

Please allow me to share a few of my credentials which have prompted me to write to you now. I am a nurse and RN, working in numerous disciplines over the years. I vote. I have four children and grandchildren. One of my children has been fighting addiction for years and is currently incarcerated, recently at Bedford Hills Women's Prison in New York State. I am raising my granddaughter.

As the mother of an incarcerated person, I can tell you that the families, perhaps most the mothers of these inmates are devastated, hurt, some days crushed by not just the circumstances but the loss of plans, expectations, dreams, and goals for our child. In a sentence with no hope of ever coming home, that loss of Hope is beyond even my imagination for the inmate's mom, especially.

My view on incarceration has been changed since I've had the experiences of visiting my daughter and dealing with our justice system in general. While advocacy is important to me overall, including support of the One Step Program initiated during the previous administration, what interests and concerns me is with the individual and personal humanity that I have witnessed, including a profound lack of those things.

The purpose of this letter is not to relitigate or to try and understand what happened or why. My purpose is to explain that in my view, from my personal experience with my own daughter and others like her, that incarcerated individuals, especially those like Ms Smart, who was incarcerated at such a young age, can change, grow, appreciate their involvement in what brought them to prison in the first place. Ms Smart has demonstrated all of these things. I believe that Pam Smart has owned her life, her ability to live a rich and meaningful life in prison, and can share outside of prison, too, in a positive way, were she given a chance.

PAMELA SMART - DIN: 9360352

3031 County Highway 107
Amsterdam, New York 12010

August 27, 2023

Office of the Governor
Governor Christopher Sununu
107 N. Main Street Concord, New Hampshire 03301

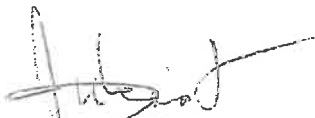
Re: Pamela Smart

To keep a woman who has clearly contributed to those around her in prison, who has resolved to live as useful a life as possible behind bars, and who, and I cannot stress this enough, was tried very much by the media coverage and the drama of the case, is wrong, unfair, unkind, and counter productive for us all.

I have learned that incarcerated individuals should not always be defined by their crime. They are as well-rounded and deep as any of us. With some exceptions, perhaps, life sentences with no hope, are revenge and not justice. ***And Ms Smart, like my own daughter, has a mom. If nothing else, please consider that. After thirty-three years, her mother deserves to see her daughter home.***

I am hopeful that you will look beyond your national political ambitions and seek instead fairness and humanity for this one individual who wants and deserves consideration for who she has become since 1990, as opposed to the young woman she may have been then. Please consider her commutation, with whatever supervision outside of prison that you deem necessary.

I thank you for your time and kindness in reading this. I hope for the courtesy of a reply.


Julianne Moyer

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\November 22, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dr. Dawn Ravella. I am the Executive Director of Communities for Healing and Justice, a non-profit organization that empowers returning citizens through our trauma informed Coming Home Program.

I am writing to you today to support the commutation of Pamela Smart's life sentence.

I first met Pam Smart at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, where I taught a course on leadership through New York Theological Seminary's master's in professional studies. It was the first Master's degree program in a women's correctional facility in NY, so it was already the cream of the crop women. It was immediately evident that Pam was seen as a leader by the other students in the class, who often turned to her for guidance and advice. She was kind, caring, patient, and a natural leader.

Pam is humble, strong and gentle, with an extraordinary commitment to self-improvement, and helping others. She has earned three Master's Degrees alongside a Ph.D. Her invaluable contribution as an academic tutor for pre-GED, GED, pre-college, and college students is a testament to her unwavering dedication to nurturing and uplifting others.

Moreover, her certification by the NY State Department of Labor and the AIDS Institute as a peer counselor for individuals coping with HIV/AIDS showcases her empathy and deep commitment to providing support to those in need. Pam's service extends beyond her academic and counseling roles; she has selflessly served as the elected grievance representative for the prison, embodying the principles of fairness and justice for other incarcerated women.

Pam's influence and impact reach far beyond prison walls. Her eloquence and leadership have been acknowledged through invitations to speak to New York State senators and assembly persons. Her insights and perspectives have resonated with these influential figures, underscoring her ability to effect positive societal change.

Furthermore, her involvement as a leader in the church community and her ordination as a minister speaks volumes about her commitment to living out her faith and serving others with compassion and grace. Pam's dedication to the Rehabilitation Through the Arts (RTA) program for 15 years exemplifies her belief in the transformative power of education and artistic expression within the prison system.

It is with a profound sense of injustice that I note the disparity in Pam's continued incarceration. In contrast, others also involved in the regrettable incident have been released. Pam's continued imprisonment contradicts her tremendous strides toward personal growth and rehabilitation.

I have been involved with returning citizen programs for over fifteen years and have seen many incredible and successful journeys. Given Pam's exceptional academic achievements, unwavering commitment to service, and exemplary leadership, her chances of successful reentry

are high. I urge you to consider commuting her life sentence. Pam's potential for continued contributions to society, her proven dedication to rehabilitation, and the disparity in her sentencing compared to others involved in the incident highlights the urgency and necessity of reevaluating her circumstances.

Thank you for considering this plea for justice on behalf of Pam. Her commutation would unleash a force for positive change and compassion in our society.

Sincerely,



Dr. Dawn Ravelle

Executive Director

Communities for Healing and Justice

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Dec. 19, 2023
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Governor Christopher T. Sununu
State House

107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Sununu,

I am contacting you
in regards to Pamela Smart
who is an inmate at Bedford Hills
Correctional Facility in New York.
Between being at the Women's
Correctional Facility in Goffstown,
NH and the one in Bedford Hills,
NY she has been incarcerated for
33 years plus a few months. Pame

is housed on the honor floor at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Pame has been helpful to many other inmates with all her educational skills. She has done much tutoring with the other women there. Pame has also been helpful to the staff in both facilities. Pame has worked very hard to further her education while imprisoned. She continues to obtain more education. Pame has many talents and interests. She is very involved with work and other activities at the facilities. Pame gives of herself so nicely. She helped a guard save the life of an inmate who had hung herself.

Pame and the Guard worked extremely hard to free her. The inmate was saved.

I have visited her at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility and found her to be very nice, caring and a good lady. A Nun who visits the inmates and their family along with friends told me directly what a good and well behaved lady that Pame is.

Pame is the only inmate who has life with no parole at the Bedford Hills, NY Correctional Facility. Diane Sawyer when she interviewed Pame did mention that on television. She has proved herself to be deserving of Parole, Sentence Reduction,

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or a Pardon. I'm hoping that you will give this legal matter some Consideration.

I did hear that the legal system has stated that Pame can not be rehabilitated. I believe that statement is false. Often the people who say this information do not really know all the facts.

Pame deserves a chance to live and work out in the Community. She has a lot to offer in Society and other people.

The people who killed her husband have been free for years. Pame has been assaulted and injured.

by other inmates which caused her to need surgery. She has had to endure many hardships in the prison.

Pame has sent me many nice letters and cards over the years she has been incarcerated. She has a wonderful family who love her dearly.

I feel that Pame did not get a fair trial. In many other states in the United States she would already be free or at least on parole.

I hope you will give her a break or some form of consideration.

Thank You,
Edward T. Chubb Sr.

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January 31, 2024

Chris Sununu
Office of the Governor
State House
107 North Main
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Subject: Request for Clemency for Pamela Smart

The Honorable Chris Sununu,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. My name is Patrick Chapman, and I am writing to you – again - today as a concerned citizen of the United States of America to bring to your attention the case of Pamela Smart, who is currently serving a life sentence at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in New York. Ms. Smart is now one of the longest serving female inmates in New York's prison system

I understand the gravity of the responsibilities you bear as the leader of the state of New Hampshire, and I appreciate your dedication to justice and the well-being of our community. I am writing to request your compassionate consideration for clemency for Pamela Smart.

Pamela Smart has demonstrated sincere remorse for the actions that led to their incarceration and has actively worked towards rehabilitation during their time in prison. Smart, who has earned two master's degrees behind bars, tutored fellow inmates, been ordained as a minister and is part of an inmate liaison committee, said in her latest petition that she is remorseful and has been rehabilitated.

Furthermore, Pamela Smart has shown a commitment to making amends and contributing positively to society upon release. Fellow inmate Denise Solla writes that, "She has so much to offer society, it would be morally wrong to not give her a chance to make her contribution."

I believe that clemency for Pamela Smart would not only serve as an act of compassion and grace but also as a recognition of the rehabilitative efforts they have undertaken during her time in prison. Granting clemency would provide Pamela Smart with an opportunity to reintegrate into society as a productive and law-abiding citizen.

I understand the seriousness of the offenses committed by Pamela Smart – it happened when she was 22 years old - but I firmly believe in the power of redemption and the potential for positive change. I respectfully urge you to review Pamela Smart's case with compassion and consider the possibility of granting clemency.

Unfortunately, you're not running for the office again and the opportunity for you granting clemency will be her only hope for the foreseeable future. She has petitioned the 4 previous governors – 3 Republicans and one Democrat. The women who are running for office doesn't provide her much hope. One of the women running for office is one of the Executive Counselors who denied her last two commutation requests; the other is a former Prosecutor. As you know, first-degree murder convictions draw the harshest sentences of any criminal case. The specific elements of the crime and legal defenses available can vary based on jurisdiction. State and federal laws will provide possible sentences. For first-degree murder, there may be strict statutory guidelines. Courts may have less leeway to determine the sentence after conviction. There were many questionable issues regarding her case.

1. The fact that the men who perpetrated the crime were housed together before the trial – ample time to collaborate their story and
2. Most importantly, she was not allowed a change of venue. The local media had her convicted before the trial started.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will weigh this matter carefully, taking into account the principles of justice, *mercy* (the crime was committed when she was 22 years old. . .she is 56 years old today), and the potential for rehabilitation. I appreciate your dedication to serving the people of New Hampshire and look forward to a just and compassionate resolution in this case. Your thoughts on this case would be greatly appreciated.

I saw her case on a television news magazine and felt that she was involved in the process, there were extenuating circumstances that were brought forth in the trial. I do not personally know Ms. Smart, have no affiliation with her friends or family but would like to see her have the opportunity to be a productive citizen on the other side of the New Bedford Correctional Facility. Ultimately. . . her final judgement will come before her maker when he passes the ultimate judgement upon her.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Chapman



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March 14, 2024

Bedford Hills Correctional Facility
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RE: Pamela Smart (93G0356) Commutation Petition

I write in support of Ms. Pamela Smart's commutation petition for a reduction of her sentence.

Ms. Smart has served 33 years in prison and is currently serving life in prison with no possibility of parole. Ms. Smart was sent away to prison at the young age of 22 where she was judged by the worst mistake possible and has been frozen forever in that judgement. Ms. Smart regrets her past actions and has great remorse for the agony she has caused.

Over the decades Ms. Pamela consistently improved herself, demonstrating significant growth. She has become an outstanding leader and a positive role model, not only for herself but for other incarcerated individuals around her. The woman you see today is a successful, brilliant, compassionate human being who has strived for greatness. While incarcerated, Ms. Smart has completed all mandatory and countless voluntary programs. She has earned three Master's degrees and a Ph.D. She has worked for decades as an academic tutor for pre- GED, GED , pre-college, and college students. Ms. Smart is also certified by the NY State Department of Labor and the AIDS Institute as a peer counselor for people suffering from HIV/AIDS. Ms. Smart is currently serving her 12th term as the elected grievance counselor for the prison. She is often called upon as a representative to speak to government officials regarding prison issues and criminal justice reform.

Ms. Pamela Smart has such an extensive list of accomplishments and achievements. She is the true definition of a rehabilitated, improved and refined human being.

Due to Ms. Pamela Smart's extensive hard work and dedication while incarcerated, I am confident she will push to create a better community. Pamela Smart is a honorable woman who loves her family, friends and her community. As the Assemblymember for District 68, I am in full support of Ms. Pamela Smart's sentence to be reduced.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Edward Gibbs
Member of Assembly



Corrections and Community Supervision

KATHY HOCHUL
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DANIEL F. MARTUSCELLO III
Acting Commissioner

March 18, 2024

Governor Sununu:

My name is Quandera Quick, and I have been an employee of New York's Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) for over 18 years. I worked previously for many years as a correction officer, and I am currently the Supervisor of Bedford Hills Correctional Facility's Incarcerated Grievance Program.

I am Pamela Smart's direct supervisor and work with her on a daily basis. During my time with the Department, I have only found a handful of dependable workers, and Pamela is definitely one of them. While I have not been at this facility long enough to witness her personal growth throughout her years here, upon my arrival I met an individual who appears to be a kind, patient, and dedicated human being. While I am certainly familiar with her case, after observing her daily, I can say she seems to be worlds away from the person the media portrayed her to be. From my time here at Bedford Hills, I can see Pamela is well-respected and also depended upon by both those incarcerated with her and the security and civilian staff here.

It may be noteworthy to mention that most of my career was spent at New York's notorious maximum-security prison Sing Sing Correctional Facility, which houses some of the most hardened, dangerous, and manipulative individuals. I had no reason to expect that I would meet anything but the same type of individuals at Bedford Hills when I transferred there. However, upon my arrival, I encountered Pamela Smart as a member of my grievance staff. I did not meet a hardened, dangerous or manipulative individual; I met, as I said above, a kind, patient, and dedicated worker.

As the IGP Supervisor, every 91 days I am obligated by Directive to complete an I/I progress report. In every instance, I've always checked the box for "excellent" in



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regard to employability on Ms. Smart's review, which is indicative of one who would soar if given the opportunity to do so. Ms. Smart has continually been elected by her peers to represent them and advocate on their behalf, and she does so passionately and respectfully. She is extremely knowledgeable in regards to her job requirements, Departmental directives and facility operations. She is skilled in working with both her peers and staff in dispute resolution. I have no doubt that she would be an asset to any work space should she be released.

During my career, I have been a witness to several individuals who were in prison for what one would characterize as far worse crimes than Pamela who have been released back into the community and succeeded, and in many instances, became pillars of their communities. In my opinion, Pamela should be given an opportunity to contribute her time and talents to enriching the community at large.

I want to leave you with this: my understanding of sentencing was that when a judge handed down a specific sentence, that should be set in stone forever. However, as a seasoned correctional employee, I have come to understand how imperative it is to consider the necessity for continued confinement of individuals who reach a certain age and have served a considerable amount of time in prison. In 1990, Pamela was 22 years old. In the year of this writing, she will be 57 years old. She has been in prison for 33 ½ years, most certainly a considerable amount of time.

Governor Sununu, I am humbly asking you to consider a commutation of Pamela's sentence so that she has hope for release.

Respectfully,


Quandera Quick
Incarcerated Grievance Program Supervisor



Governor Christopher Sununu

Re: Pamela Smart, NYSDOCCS DIN# 93G0356

April 11, 2024

Dear Governor Sununu,

I am writing on behalf of the organization Release Aging People in Prison/RAPP to urge you to grant commutation to Pamela Smart, DIN# 93G0356. Ms. Smart, who is known to many formerly incarcerated women in our organization, is 56 years old and has served almost 33 years in prison in New York State. Without commutation of her sentence, she has no chance to show how much she has grown and changed since she committed her crimes, how she has transformed her life, and how deserving she is of release from prison.

Ms. Smart was sentenced at a time when life-without-parole sentences may have seemed useful in preventing crime. But we now know, 31 years later, that the extreme sentencing policies and practices of earlier years have had no impact at all on crime rates, and instead have filled New York's and the country's prisons with aging people who no longer pose a risk to public safety but are likely to grow ill and die behind bars—at a high cost to the state in financial and moral costs. Keeping Ms. Smart in prison serves no purpose other than revenge.

During her years in Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, Ms. Smart has reached extensive academic achievements, including receiving a Doctorate in Biblical Studies, a Master of Science in Law, and a Master of Fine Arts in English Literature. She graduated from all three programs with a 4.0 GPA.

Even more important, perhaps, is to know that she has helped countless other incarcerated women get educations and graduate from academic programs. Knowing the value of education on every level—from personal transformation to reducing the risk of recidivism—Mr. Smart's track record for encouraging younger incarcerated women to study and graduate from academic programs is laudable and valuable. It also shows the depth of her own transformation and stands as an example of how she has taken responsibility for participating in the death of Gregg Smart.

Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP) includes among our staff and membership numerous women who served time in prison with Ms. Smart and are now contributing to their families and communities on the outside, serving as violence interrupters, educators, and role models for younger women who might otherwise be headed for prison. Every one of these women has stated

their deep respect for Ms. Smart, and they have urged the organization to support her request for commutation of her life-without-parole sentence. Their close knowledge of Ms. Smart and her character speaks volumes about why her sentence should be commuted.

In addition, last year several bodies of the United Nations wrote to the U.S. government urging that life-without-parole sentences be abolished for humanitarian reasons. I would be happy to provide you with those statements; some of them can be found at the website deathbyincarcerationistorture.com.

Along with other social justice and reentry organizations, we want you to know not only that RAPP supports Ms. Smart's application for commutation, but that we will welcome her into the NY community and help her establish a lawful and healthful life on the outside.

Please grant Ms. Smart's application for commutation by reducing her sentence, thus allowing her the chance to rejoin her community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Whitehorn". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Laura Whitehorn
Co-founder
Release Aging People in Prison/RAPP
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4/15/24

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Nicole Scott, I am a retired corrections officer. I met Pamela Smart in 1997 when I went to work at Bedford Hills. When I met Ms. Smart she was always helping the other ladies with their G.E.D. work, college work, and legal paperwork. She also wrote the best grievances one could write. She always advocated for her peers, for the bettering of her peers and for better conditions for everyone. She has proven with every degree ^{she} has received along with pastoral education that she is more than ready and capable of re-entering society. Ms. Smart is more than rehabilitated and remorseful for her role in her crime. We always talk about second chances within the criminal justice system, she is one great example of a person who deserves a second chance. When do we say enough is enough? I say to you in regards to Pamela Smart, Enough is Enough!! Allow her the second chance she worked hard for and deserves.

Respectfully
Nicole Scott

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May 1, 2024

To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing in support of Pamela Smart who is currently incarcerated at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility and is seeking commutation. Our Executive Director at New Hour for Women and Children- Long Island, Serena Martin has known Ms. Smart for over twenty years. In recent years Ms. Smart has been in regular communication with New Hour's Director of Services and Reentry, Amanda Acevedo, LMSW. New Hour was founded to provide meaningful support to current and formerly incarcerated women, their children and families. We build community to promote successful re-entry and lasting reintegration, and to reform unjust criminal justice system policies. We empower directly impacted people to utilize their lived experiences to create lasting reforms to the carceral system.

Over three decades ago Ms. Smart was sentenced to life without parole, a sentence of death by incarceration. Over the years it has been made clear in how she speaks about her crimes of conviction that she not only understands the severity of them, but takes full responsibility for her actions and what led her to commit them. She has taken full advantage of every opportunity she has been presented with in prison, including obtaining three Master's degrees and a PhD. She also serves as a HIV/AIDS peer counselor, an aide to incarcerated individuals with mental illness and is in her 12th term as the elected grievance representative. Women including New Hour's Executive Director, who were incarcerated with her and now work at nonprofits and in service to their community speak so highly of how remarkable of a person Ms. Smart is and how she mentored and supported them while they were in prison.

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Despite her incarceration, Ms. Smart remains a fierce advocate for all women incarcerated at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Last year she brought attention to the unbearable heat conditions at the prison, and soon after New Hour teamed with partner agencies to raise enough funds to purchase hundreds of fans to keep the women cool during the summer months; an effort that wouldn't have been possible without Ms. Smart's advocacy. Ms. Smart has also referred women with upcoming release dates to our agency for Reentry support upon their release.

Ms. Smart has transformed her life and wants to give back to her community. It would be such a loss to her, her loved ones and the community to keep her behind bars. Commutation will give Ms. Smart the opportunity to spend the remainder of her life with her family and make a difference in her community as a minister and mentor.

New Hour is personally committed to using any and all connections we have in the community to assist in Ms. Smart's reentry. We are ready to welcome Ms. Smart home and provide her with clothing, personal care items, resources, community referrals and assist her in building lasting connections to ensure a successful reentry. Ms. Smart would be an excellent candidate for our EMERGE program. EMERGE stands for Empowering Methods for Effective Reentry, Growth and Engagement, and is our 15 week advocacy and leadership training program for formerly incarcerated women. In addition to EMERGE, New Hour provides case management, annual member events and support group meetings to assist and empower women in building community and support. Ms. Smart is the perfect candidate to receive these services.

There is an entire community of people ready to welcome Ms. Smart home with open arms. New Hour implores those in a position to assist, to consider Ms. Smart's application for commutation and to grant her release.

Sincerely,



Serena Martin- Liguori
Executive Director



Amanda Acevedo, LMSW
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to support Pamela Smart's petition for a commutation of sentence of Life without Parole. I have known Pam for over 25 years now, and in all these years, I have continued to see how she has transformed herself through the power of education, self-reflection, and compassion.

While incarcerated she has dedicated her life to supporting and educating other incarcerated women. During the summer heat of '23 she successfully advocated for other incarcerated women to implore the use of newer fans to keep women cool during heat waves and with her help we were able to provide those fans in collaboration with NYS DOCCS. She is committed to helping those around her and doing all she can for the incarcerated women she lives with as well as for new incoming women to the prison. She continues to create a safer environment for all incarcerated women by supporting newly incarcerated women. She has worked closely to create initiatives for women on the honor floor and in the college program.

After my own incarceration at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, I went on to found an organization with the support of key members of the Long Island community. New Hour for Women and Children - Long Island provide services, support, and job skills for women facing incarceration and women in reentry. In the past eight years, our work has provided support for 12,000 women and mothers who have participated in our Long Island jail-based and community-based programming and wraparound services. This support has extended to their children as well.

Pam Smart is providing support for those incarcerated with her in much the same way that New Hour is providing for women in our community. She has given incarcerated women support and mentorship, she has worked to take accountability for her crime and she has shown that she is remorseful and is not the same young woman who made harmful choices so many decades ago. I also note that while I was incarcerated from 1999-2002 I lived across the hall from Pam on the honor unit and her demeanor and behavior was nothing short of exceptional. Pam went to

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college, helped others on the unit and very often supported women trying to achieve higher education. She is bright, deeply remorseful and deserving of freedom.

There is so much good that Pam is capable of and she would be a benefit to her community if she were to be released. Ms. Smart has become a role model for other women in prison and does not pose a threat to the community. On behalf of all the justice-impacted women who are part of New Hour, I implore you to commute Ms. Smart's sentence, and give her a chance to return home to her family.

Thank you for your consideration and time, please feel free to contact me directly with any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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May 30, 2024

Governor Sununu
Office of the Governor
State House
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Dear Governor Sununu,

I appreciate you receiving my letter. I am the Chief Financial Officer of the Brooklyn Nets, though I write to you as a teacher at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in New York state.

I teach a workshop on Personal Finance and Financial Literacy at the facility. My class size is modest, at about 15 incarcerated individuals, which gives me the opportunity to get to know the group. One such individual is Pamela Smart. She shined bright in the class and I felt compelled to share the story with you.

Pamela was first to arrive and last to leave, each class. She was prepared, insightful, and funny. She was looked up to by her fellow classmates and greatly appreciated by the professor. Pamela helped drive discussions on the equity market and inflation. Her intellectual curiosity was impressive indeed. My class is just a small notch in Pamela's impressive body of work over decades while incarcerated.

I strongly believe that Pamela has paid her debt to society. She should be allowed to return home where she can flourish and help others. I hope you may consider her for clemency. I have seen the power of clemency first-hand in New York and California. I am a glad you have such an important tool.

If you wish to learn more about my support for Pamela's clemency, I would be honored to share more. I can be most easily reached at stern@brooklynnets.com.

Sincerely,

Peter Stern
Brooklyn Nets CFO