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Paul W. Hiatt
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Re: Request for Direct Pardon to Governor Gregoire

Dear Mr. Hiatt:

This office has received your request for gubernatorial pardon along with your second letter requesting direct review. The Governor declines your request for direct review of your pardon request. As stated in our previous letter, submission of a clemency petition to the Clemency and Pardons Board (Board) is required for consideration. The Governor relies upon the Board to review all the materials and facts regarding a Petition for Pardon and to provide her with a recommendation.

The Board has regularly scheduled meetings four times per year as described on the petition calendar provided to you, but they do have the ability to call special hearings as they deem necessary. You received instructions regarding the process for petition to the Clemency and Pardons Board by letter from my executive assistant, Melynda Campbell, dated April 13, 2009.

Any letters or faxes we receive supporting your petition will be collected in a file to be presented to the Governor along with your Petition *if* she receives a positive recommendation from the Board. Telephone calls will be tallied only and the number received will be included in the same file. I would suggest you include such letters with your petition to the Board instead.

Sincerely,

Martin C. Loesch
Senior Advisor and General Counsel

