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September 25, 2012

Mr. Jason Goudlock #284-561
Toledo Correctional Institution
2001 E. Central Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43608

Dear Mr. Goudlock,

Thank you for contacting me in regards to your parole board hearing in December and for sending your essay about work on your novel. It was a pleasure to read your essay, and I strongly encourage you to continue writing.

Your letter enumerated the many reasons that you believe you should be granted parole, and you requested that I write a letter to the Parole Board on your behalf. Unfortunately, I am unable to assist you in this request because of ethics rules pertaining to conflict of interest that govern my actions as an elected state official.

Though I regret that you have found yourself in this situation, please do not hesitate to let me know if there is any legislative information that I might provide to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shirley A. Smith".

Shirley A. Smith
State Senator, 21st District

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