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President Obama
The White House
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RE: Demetrius Harper inmate #36320-013

Dear President Obama,

Hello, my name is Kayla Harper. It is sad to see you leave office, but before you do so, there is just one thing that I ask of you. Please grant clemency to my father, Demetrius Harper, a wrongfully convicted man sitting in prison by the hands of our corrupt justice system. I have seen so much injustice, especially among our race, but when it happens to your own family, it hurts. For the past four and a half years, there has been this emptiness in my life, all because the justice system refused to hear out my father and instead sent him to prison. They have taken away a man from his kids without any hesitation or thought of what it could do to his family. Imagine being taken away from your daughters and missing all the important things while they grow up. My father missed my whole high school experience. When graduation came around, a part of me didn't really care if I put on the cap and gown at all. I thought, just send me the diploma. After having my name called and walking on that stage I wanted to look around and find my dad, but he was not there. There was no hug right after graduation, there was no photo of just the two of us, and there was no celebration as a family. Instead, a phone call from a father in prison missing his daughter's graduation and soon a visit at that same prison. I could count many other events that my father has missed due to this wrongful conviction, but like I said before, the justice system doesn't care. They have no remorse when thinking about what a conviction does to a family, let alone a family who knows that their loved one is innocent. Now, this journey has been very tough and emotionally draining, but it has made us stronger people. I just ask you again to please release my father from prison so he can be home with his family and we can attempt to make-up lost time that was taken away from us.

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