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The Honorable Arlan L. Harrell
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To Whom It May Concern,

I write in support of Douglas Stankewitz’s release from prison.

While I do not personally know Mr. Stankewitz, I have learned about his case and the extraordinary transformation he has undergone during his decades of incarceration. After spending over 47 years in prison—more than 46 of those on death row—Mr. Stankewitz has become a model prisoner. He did not receive any violent disciplinary infractions for over 24 years, and he has spent his time demonstrating a sincere commitment to personal growth, accountability, and peace.

The record reflects a remarkable evolution of character. Mr. Stankewitz has taken responsibility for his past, embraced a nonviolent way of life, and now seeks to contribute positively to society. His transformation aligns with the very ideals of rehabilitation and redemption that our justice system should uphold.

Supporting his release is not only an act of compassion, but also a recognition of the profound potential for human change. I join others in calling for Douglas Stankewitz to be granted his freedom so he can live the rest of his life in peace and dignity.

I declare under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
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[Optional: Occupation, Tribal Affiliation, or Community Role]