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February 8, 2012

Connecticut Board of Pardons and Parole
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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing in reference to inmate Ernest Garlington, one of my dearest friends. The purpose of this letter is to express my hopes that Ernie is granted clemency and released as soon as possible.

Ernie is a caring man with the biggest heart, the most giving spirit and the strongest faith of anyone I know, which explains how much he has accomplished during his incarceration.

Ernie seems to focus his energy to make sure each day of his incarceration is dedicated to improving the lives of others, just as he has always done in his life. He could chose to dwell on his own plight and circumstances, instead he has amazingly gone beyond himself to take a negative situation and turn it into a positive testimony.

He manages to be a spiritual pillar of strength and guiding light not just for his wife and children, but everyone he encounters within the confines of those walls and beyond.

I have always felt that the sentence given to Ernie was extremely unjust and beyond comprehension. It's hard to believe how an upstanding man and father like Ernie can be [wrongly] convicted and then sentenced to an unbelievable *30+ years* when we often see convicted murderers, rapists, pedophiles and the like, receive lighter sentences and the ability to be released in less time than Ernie.

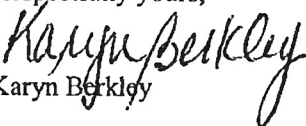
I only hope the unfair aspects of his trial, and the unconscionable actions of the judge and the attorneys is being seriously considered when reviewing Ernie's case.

Although the past cannot be changed, there's great hope for the future. Ernie's life is a living testament of unwavering faith and devotion to his wife, children, family, friends and countless others. His love of the Lord is paramount to all that he lives for and he dedicates his life to uplift, educate and inspire.

I sincerely hope that the purpose of the prison system is not just to incarcerate, but also to recognize the gifts and abilities the inmates possess and develop that can make a positive contribution to society upon their release.

Ernie's exemplary conduct proves that he lives his life for good, not evil. He inspires those he connects with to be better human beings I hope he will be released as soon as possible so he can carry out the good works that God has called him to do in this world.

Respectfully yours,


Karyn Berkley

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January 5, 2012

Pardon Unit
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Dear Board Members,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Ernest Garlington wholehearted to be granted Clemency. I have known Ernest for over 40 years, since about the age of 5 years old.

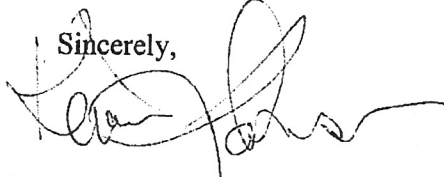
Ernest always displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility, and ambition. He is definitely a leader rather than a follower. In addition to his excellent scholastic accomplishments, he has proven his leadership ability to assist his community. I'm the founder The 54th Regiment Drill Team and Drum Corps a community based youth group started in May, 1999. The group consists of 60 to 85 children at time ages range from 5 year all the way up to 18 years old. The 54th Regiment has obtain two National Championships at the Improve Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World Drill team and Drum competition in New Orleans, Louisiana in 2005, and in Louisville, Kentucky in 2007, this gives the children an opportunity to travel, for one as most of the children can never afford to ever leave their city boarders and secondly to provide young people an opportunity to compete and learn good sportsmanship.

The Championships that the 54th Regiment gained would never had happened if it was not for Ernie. He has given monetary donation to the group and that has for sure allow some of these children to be able to attend these events, again if not for Ernie and his love for his community and his help it would not of happen. Ernest Garlington has also giving his personal time by counseling some of these in danger teens. I can remember one particular case where I had a young man headed into the wrong direction and I asked Ernest if he would talk to the young man for me. To make a long story short Ernest did talk and work with this individual, not only did the young man turn his self around, with Ernest guidance this young black male was my first Drummer to go to College, Morgan State University on Band scholarship, this was the direct impact of Dr. Ernest Garlington.

The impact that Ernest Garlington has on my life today is. I started college because of Ernie at the University of Bridgeport in the summer of 2010. I returned to college with only 6 college credits, that I have earned while enrolled in Naugatuck Community College in 1989. In May of 2012 I will graduate from University of Bridgeport with a B.A in Business with a Grade Point Average of 3.40. I was able to do this with then to two years only because of Ernie, he gets and deserves the credit. Ernest has always to me that I should have been a Doctor he seen something in me, not just me he touches everybody in a positive way that he meets. Ernie as inspire me so much that I have applied and was accepted into Law School. With the mercy and blessing of GOD I will start this fall of 2012 in Law School. To the Board of Pardons, You can see just some of the Impact that Ernest had on me and others. I can say he is a most dependable man. His good judgment and mature outlook ensure a logical and practical approach to his endeavors even while incarcerated.

Dr. Ernest Garlington was and still is a great asset any organization and I am happy to give him my wholehearted endorsement.

Sincerely,



Kevin Johnson
Director the 54th Drill team and Drum Corps

Dawn Mascia
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February 6, 2012

TO THE BOARD BOARD OF PARDONS, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

RE: Clemency Hearing for Dr. Ernest Garlington

I am writing to request clemency because I believe it would benefit not only Dr. Garlington and his family, but many families and individuals in the community and beyond.

I have known Dr. Garlington as a friend and colleague since 2007. He is a person of the highest integrity. I have never heard him speak negatively about anyone. He truly lives out his Christian values of honesty, forgiveness and peacekeeping. Dr. Garlington's personality is easy-going and "laid-back." He is genuinely caring and compassionate. His whole professional career has been devoted to helping others.

Many people have a vision for their life, but Dr. Garlington is remarkable in his unwavering determination to pursue his goal of helping others through his training as a doctoral level Christian therapist. He is also a devoted husband and father. He has steadfastly provided emotional support, and encouragement to his family throughout his incarceration. His faith, determination and strength have been an inspiration to me.

A deeply religious man, Dr. Garlington has a heart for helping individuals and the communities in which they live. This has been a strong goal as long as I have known him. He has worked hard to get the education and credentials needed to fulfill that goal. His determination and hard work led him through a football scholarship, a graduate fellowship, and finally to the South Florida Theological Seminary where he earned a Ph.D. in Christian Counseling.

Once equipped and credentialed Dr. Garlington became active in social service agencies, hospitals and family services programs. He did crisis intervention, family and couples interventions, and provided consultation to agencies, schools and community organizations, where he did strategic planning and program development. Finally, Dr. Garlington founded Christian Warrior International, a Christian program which works with faith-based organizations to identify and meet the needs of their communities, especially relating to children, youth and families. Our world and our communities need people like Dr. Garlington.

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During his incarceration, Dr. Garlington has continued to develop programs to help fellow prisoners.

He:

- Wrote a book called ""Principles for Growth" and led a workshop for fellow inmates based on his book
- Created a proposal for a University Televised Video school (the TVS Project) for inmates to earn college credits
- Proposed a collaborative program with New Opportunities, Inc., the Department of Children and Families (DCF), college students and ministers to conduct book drives for use in a home-based family services program.
- Developed "Reading Between the Bars," a program for incarcerated fathers and their children, to strengthen the bonds between them.

Dr. Garlington is a man of education, vision, and talent. I respectfully request that you would grant him clemency so that he can get on with his goal of helping individuals, couples, families, and their communities.

Sincerely yours,

Constance Lawrence

Constance Lawrence, Ph.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 8th day of February, 2012.

Joanne H. Search

JOANNE H. SEARCH
Notary Public
My Commission Expires 04/30/2015

January 20, 2012

Mrs. Pamela Gwathney
642 Bellport Ave
Bellport, NY 11713

To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. Ernest Garlington and I have been associates for well over fifteen years. He was the Director of the fostercare program, at New Opportunities in Waterbury. This young energetic man was so well spoken, dedicated and very focused. He had definite ideas about how to provide the best services to the children, fosterparents and parents of the program. As I listened to him, my enthusiasm grew and before long I knew that I wanted to be a part of the team. Even though I was a seasoned trainer, I listened carefully to the instructions Dr. Garlington gave to me prior to contracting with me for training services. The training went very well and the parents involved in the training reinforced my opinion of Dr. Garlington. He was very well regarded by the people he worked with and for.

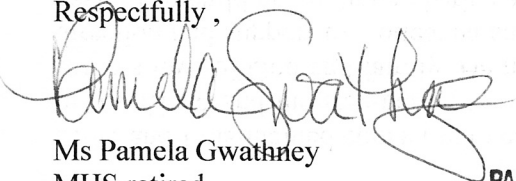
Several years later, As the Coordinator of a weekend program; sponsored by my employer State University at Farmingdale, New York, for at-risk high school students, I invited Ernie to be a part of the program. His performance was as always outstanding and he had such warmth and rapport with the students. Students bonded well with him and he was an awesome role-model. In addition to being a scholar, he didn't smoke, drink or do drugs and he was an athlete. He had completed college and was starting the next phase of his life.

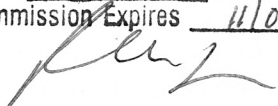
Ernie and I maintained contact with each other and we became close friends. When he became the husband of my friend and the step-parent to the children, we developed an even closer bond. I learned more about Ernie's love of God and family. He has been and continues to be a concerned, loving parent. He provides direction and support to Dotteanna and Derek, even though they can't access him on a daily and as needed basis. The children continue visiting Ernie and are completely dedicated to him. They prayerfully await his return to the family.

One might think when reading this over, "Why rehash about all that old stuff?" Because, it is still relevant to the person that Dr. Garlington is at this present time! His achievements haven't ceased as a result of his confinement. His concern for his fellow man hasn't diminished one iota, nor has his vision and efforts on behalf of others. Ernie maintains connection to his family and friends and provides loving support to them in spite of being separated from them. He gives us thoughtful guidance and hope for a brighter day. His faith in God has never wavered in spite of the disappointments, relocations, and other nuances of prison life that he is subjected to in the Connecticut Judicial/ Penal system on a daily basis.

I look forward to Dr. Garlington's release! I hope that we will once again be able to work together on behalf of children, men and families to improve their standard of life and increase their emotional well-being, as this is what Dr. Garlington does, this is who Ernie is. I am pleading with those who make the decisions to take a look at what he has achieved as an incarcerated inmate and imagine his potential as a free man!

Respectfully ,


Ms Pamela Gwathney
MHS retired

PAMELA D. JENNINGS
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No. 01JE6082703 Suffolk County
Commission Expires 11/04/2014


Tina Robinson
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February 1, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I was asked to write a letter detailing the character of Mr. Ernest Garlington. I met Mr. Garlington about 12 years ago. My son and his step son, Derrick, attended the same middle school and eventually the same high school. Both my ex-husband and Mr. Garlington were close friends in their youth.

My son and Derrick became close friends and spent a lot of time together. There were birthday parties, sleepovers and get together's almost every week. Mr. Garlington became a second father to my son helping with homework or whatever was needed while he stayed at his home. Mr. Garlington has always been nothing but respectful and a good role model for my son. I consider both Mr. and Mrs. Garlington part of our family.

Ours sons are still close friends to this day even with Derrick living out of state. Derrick was over visiting my son a few weeks ago during break.

Sincerely,



Tina Robinson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of
February, 2012.

Eva L. Boisvert
Eva L. Boisvert.
Notary Public

Date Commission Expires
on 4/30/2016





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January 19, 2012

Pardon Unit
Board of Pardons and Paroles
55 West Main Street, Suite 520
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this letter with reference to the clemency application of Dr. Ernest Garlington. I have known and worked with Ernest since 2006 on his special project- Christian Warrior International. Throughout this time, Ernest has always been one of the most gracious, appreciative, and thoughtful clients I have ever had. In addition, Ernest has always had a remarkable sense of humility- always willing to listen and learn, and always wanting to ensure that others were pleased.

When I first met Ernest, I had no idea of his legal problems. I clearly remember the day that I was at my computer and Ernest was asking my advice on a potential business partner. I said, "let's google him" and we did a quick review of this person's background. I said to Ernest, let's check you out now and I googled Ernest. I immediately saw the details of the investigation and when Ernest saw the look of surprise on my face, he said, "I thought you knew". I had no idea of any of these issues but said to Ernest- "I liked and trusted you 5 minutes ago, I certainly am not going to change my thinking now!".

I can not speak of any of the legal issues, but I can vouch for Ernest's character, spirit, and his concern for all of those around him. I do wish to see Ernest brought home to his family and give my full support to his clemency application.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald Barker



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