January 16, 2012

## Attention of the Connecticut Board of Pardon and Parole:

Re: Dr. Ernest C. Garlington My Personal Statement

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I personally know Dr. Ernest C. Garlington, his beautiful wife, Darlene and awesome son, Derek. My son, Matthew was introduced to Derek from the private school they both attended at Chase Collegiate School in Waterbury, CT. ( aka. St. Margaret McTernan ) and they became very good friends.

After his incarceration, Ernie's faith, courage, strength and commitment that continued to guide his wife and children in overcoming adversity, persevere and ultimately excel academically has been and continues to be an inspiration to me.

He is a loving, devoted husband and father with integrity and grace that all families should model after. His fearless leadership and dedication to helping others reach their highest potential before and after his incarceration is admirable.

The true example of Ernie's positive character in making a difference should be obvious in the work he is continually doing while incarcerated.

I have read his book titled 'Roots of a Man'. I could testify first hand, Ernie stands on the very principles quoted in his book and feel richly blessed to know him and his family in a special way.

I hope and pray, Ernie will be allowed the opportunity to rejoin society and continue his excellent work in helping others while spending his life in the physical presence of his family and friends that miss him so much.

Sincerely,

Joanne Avoletta 13 School Street

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My Commission Expires

January 16, 2012

The Connecticut Board of Pardon and Parole:

Re: Dr. Ernest C. Garlington

My Personal Statement

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Dr. Ernest Garlington has been an inspiration to me from the first day that I met him when I dropped my son off at his home to visit his son, Derek.

Throughout a lifetime there are probably very few people met that one would consider a pillar of strength, compassion, decency, full of love for God, family, the community and the less fortunate.

A man that I've trusted with the care of my own son and a man that in every way is and will always be a role model for all that represents goodness and most pleasing to God.

Dr. Ernest Garlington is one of the few and someone I'm proud to call a friend.

I appreciate your sincere efforts to help release Ernie which would allow him more opportunity to possibly help many others on the outside before they get on the inside of the system.

Sincerely,

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RE: Clemency Request for Dr. Ernest C. Garlington

Connecticut Board of Pardons and Parole:

My name is Willie E. Bradford III and I have been employed as an engineer for Chevron U.S.A for the past 14 yrs. I have known Ernest Garlington since 1986, over 25 years. Ernie and I were college roommates at the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.

I am tempted to provide you with a long list of Ernest's accomplishments, but I suspect that you are already aware of these facts. Ernest's life can be described very simply as an unwavering pursuit to help those in need. I can recall from our earliest conversations his desire to use his education and talents to help those from disadvantaged communities. Ernest possesses the rare ability to see the potential in others even when they don't see it within themselves.

Ernest has always been self-motivated to achieve excellence in his academic, professional and family life. I believe Ernest's accomplishments since his incarceration only underscore his focus to help others despite his own circumstances.

Despite his incarceration, Ernest continues to be an outstanding husband and father. I am amazed at how he is able to remain the emotional foundation for his family. Both of his children continue to excel in and outside of the classroom. I believe that their success is directly attributable to Ernest's commitment to providing each of them with a positive influence.

I urge the board to give Ernest Garlington strong consideration for clemency because I believe that he will continue his commitment to serving those who are incarcerated and those who are living on the margins of our society. Ernest's current endeavors are simply continuations of the types of programs that he promoted prior to his incarceration. Therefore, I am confident that he will continue to use his skills and talents to positively impact various communities if he is blessed to be granted clemency.

Sincerely,

Wille & Bradford

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January 15, 2012

William Bumpus, Esq. 210 Stonefield Drive Unit #46 Waterbury, CT 06705

Re: Dr. Ernest Garlington

Dear Board of Pardons and Parole,

I am writing this letter to request clemency for Dr. Ernest Garlington. First and foremost let me be upfront and tell you that I have never met Dr. Garlington. However I have had the distinct pleasure of meeting his wife Dr. Darlene Powell Garlington and the children they now share. From their loving anecdotes about their step father and husband, I have learned much about Dr. Garlington. He is loving, brilliant, kind, generous, and a humanitarian. Yes this may be how he treats his family, but this is also how he lives in the world. This is evidenced by not only his work in the community, but remarkably his unselfish work and vision with those who are incarcerated. Dr. Garlington has set aside his own emotional needs and legal pursuits to instead create programs and mechanisms that not only may enrich inmates on every level, but fundamentally change and improve the spirit and mechanism of inmate rehabilitation and recreation.

Dr. Ernest Garlington needs to continue his crusade and vision to changing the world, in the world. It is for this reason that I request clemency for Dr. Garlington.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeffrey R. Gardere, Ph.D.

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Pardon Unit Board of Pardons and Paroles 55 West Main Street, Suite 520 Waterbury, CT. 06702

Dr. Garlington was my supervisor for approximately four years while, I was employed at New Opportunities Inc. Home Base Family Services; I was employed as a Social worker for approximately four years and, I worked in the Therapeutic foster Care, Family Preservation, and the reunification program. I also worked as a Mental Health Counselor for Yale IICAPS Program for approximately two years.

I had the opportunity of a life time to grow professionally in many ways while being supervised by Dr. Garlington he always provided training and seminars that provided growth for both professional and personal development to his staff. He was an individual that was easy to talk to due to his wit and a sense of humor. Dr. Garlington is a very down to earth man with a wealth of knowledge and professional poise. He in my own opinion was a leader and provided superior guidance as a supervisor.

I would hope that whichever Honorable Judge over sees this case he or she would consider giving Dr. Garlington the opportunity to continue to help the community and participate in the work force management teams as he has the skills to keep any staff, peer, friend or colleague engaged in their professional aspirations and goals.

Sincerely,

Tammy Morris-Jones, B.A.

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JUAN NUNEZ
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 31, 2016

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for County of Hartford

and State of Connecticut, this

Notary Public

My Commission Expires May 31, 2016

To: Connecticut Board of Pardons and Parole

From: Erik Patchkofsky

RE: Ernest Garlington

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dr. Ernest Garlington, who is currently an inmate in the Connecticut correctional system. It is of my strongest opinion that Ernest should be considered clemency or a pardon. Ernest has dedicated his life to helping others and improving inner city communities. Even while in prison he is working to educate other inmates and to lobby for better access for students and inmates to go to college.

Having known Ernest for thirty years I have witnessed firsthand Ernest's positive impact on many families and communities. Ernest also has served as an inspiration to many New Haven students over the years, as he has volunteered to speak at graduations and other events about the importance of staying in school and striving to improve one's life.

It is of my strongest conviction that if released Ernest would be a most valued member of society as well as a Great father and support person to his family and children. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have concerning this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 203 848 0425.

Sincerely,

Erik J. Patchkofsky