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Dear Honorable Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado

I am writing to you today to request an immediate pardon and release of my daughter, Jennifer Edwards (Emmi). Although my daughter is a brilliant, successful, and accomplished grown woman, she is still and will always be my little girl who I will fight for and protect forever. Her ex-husband and his paramour who is the family's former au pair, falsely accused my daughter of crimes she would never commit. With the help of corrupt government officials like Alexis King, District Attorney of Jefferson County, Colorado, Katherine Knowles, Deputy District Attorney, and Noelle Kerridge, Investigator for Jefferson County, she was convicted and is now imprisoned in our very flawed correctional system.

The system failed my daughter, who is herself a very successful and well known attorney who had faith the system would work in her favor because she was innocent. I watched as time and time again she was falsely accused when it was impossible for her to have even committed the crime in question. I was with her the whole time, watching as her life was shattered. Corruption fueled by greed and the thirst for money took over her life and most importantly, the lives of my three precious grandchildren who have been abused and alienated from their entire family and friends, including me, and their mother, their two primary caregivers their entire lives.

Donald Emmi and Karen Elledge have manipulated and weaponized the criminal justice system, even having Karen remaining in the United States on a U-Visa that alleges she is entitled to stay here as the victim of a crime. She and Donnie Emmi are no victims, they victimized my daughter and my grandchildren. They even had me falsely charged with felonies and a warrant for my arrest when I was trying to obtain grandparent's rights for Vincent, Aven, and Donovan. The warrant was dropped when I dropped my case. If that does not show the level of corruption, I am not sure what does.

Now my daughter, Jennifer Edwards (Emmi) is being victimized further in the Department of Corrections in Virginia. She has been brutally raped, beaten and denied required medical care and her life hangs in the balance at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women in Virginia. She was illegally transferred there to cover up the rapes and brutality in the cover of the night. Her attorneys were trying to get into see her knowing she had been beaten and raped but her legal access to her lawyers was denied by Denver Women's Correctional Facility over and over.

Jennifer has suffered a stroke, which I heard first-hand over the phone as it was happening. I could hear my daughter's speech become slurred and she reported her left side losing feeling. She had been denied her blood thinner and has thrown a blood clot as a result. She is now in a wheelchair because she is unable to walk. She has also been denied Immunoglobulin and has completely lost vision in her left eye. Her right eye becomes blurry at times as a result. This could have been prevented.

You cannot imagine what it is like as a mother to hear your daughter, your child suffer like she has suffered in prison and feel helpless to get to her. I am going to let the world know what is happening to her and I am taking action but I need your help. There are letters from her physicians regarding her health status on her website.

We are pursuing legal action and will be exposing the corruption, the cover-ups, and the failures of the American "injustice system." I have hired several experts and a national PR firm to assist in the fight to pardon and exonerate my daughter. Please Governor Polis, use your political power for good and join us in the fight for my daughter and grandchildren and release my daughter from prison immediately. At this point, she is being held hostage and risks dying as a result. She has declined catastrophically and needs to come home to receive proper medical care to stay alive so she will be able to care for her own children.

Visit our website www.bruisedbehndbars.com to hear more of her story.

Please find the letters from her doctors in support of her immediate release. There is also a documentary film and Podcast being released about her story. My daughter is not only my little girl, she is a hero to a large community out there and has immense love and support behind her. I'm so proud of her and her strength, her courage, and her endless love and devotion to get back to her children she has been separated from for nearly four years with NO CONTACT.

We do not even know what my grandchildren look like at this point due to these monsters keeping them under lock and key away from everyone abusively and despite court orders. We have missed milestones, birthdays and holidays and should not miss any more. Please get my daughter and my grandchildren home to me.

Respectfully,
Barbara Crist