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December 14, 2019

The Honorable Governor Michael L. Parson
Governor of Missouri
P.O. Box 720
Jefferson City, MO

Dear Governor Parsons:

I am writing on behalf of Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice to urge you to grant clemency to Patty Prewitt.

Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice is a 15-year-old organization with more than 500 members. Our goal is to create a society that is characterized by equity and justice for all, as articulated in our mission and vision statements above.

We believe that Patty Prewitt is an example of gross injustice that resulted from shoddy investigation and judicial process. Key evidence was not collected, and leads were not followed. Prosecutors and law enforcement appeared to base their belief in her guilt on sexist assumptions and attacks on Patty's character.

Patty has, from the start, maintained her innocence. She has used her time being incarcerated to develop herself and is a positive role model for her fellow inmates and all of us. This miscarriage of justice could justifiably have made her a bitter and angry person. But she has risen above the injustice done to her and should be allowed to contribute to our society fully as a free individual.

Patty Prewitt deserved better. She deserved justice when she was accused and tried. She was denied justice, has served more than 33 years of her life sentence, and should be granted clemency now. We urge you to act without further delay. Grant Patty Prewitt clemency now. It is never too late to do right.

Thank you for your consideration of our request, and the request of so many other individuals and organizations.

Sincerely,

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