



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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November 19, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Pardon Application of Jessica Jean Frease
Pardon Application Number P284880

Dear President Trump,

I write you today regarding the pardon application submitted by my constituent, Jessica Jean Frease. In January 2019, Jessica filed her Petition for a Pardon After Completion of Sentence. I support her request wholeheartedly and ask you to grant her pardon.

During her teenage years, Ms. Frease made a serious, serious error in judgment—she and two co-defendants stole checks from mailboxes and cashed them. Ms. Frease quickly recognized her mistake and paid restitution of \$3,300.00 before she even faced sentencing. Although she was sentenced to two years in prison and five years of supervised release, her prison sentence was later reduced *at the federal government's request*, and she was granted early termination of her probation 3.5 years ahead of schedule.

In the near decade since her mistake, Ms. Frease has become an upstanding member of the Rapid City community. She is a mother, a dental assistant, and is attending school to become an EMT. She has asked you for a pardon because she wishes to provide a better life for her son, and she knows that the felony conviction hurts her opportunities to move up the career ladder. Also, she is an avid outdoorswoman. She would like to have her Second Amendment right to bear arms restored. Her crime was not a crime of violence, and her former probation officer, Melissa Gould, has written to you in support of this pardon because she thinks Ms. Frease should have that right restored. I agree.

I encourage you to review her full pardon petition, as she has included many letters from members of the Rapid City community submitted on her behalf. I especially want to highlight the character affidavit written by State Senator Lynne Hix-DiSanto, who highlights Ms. Frease's community work. Indeed, Ms. Frease devotes her time to fundraising on behalf of cancer patients, another admirable quality about this woman.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristi Noem".

Kristi Noem
Governor