Pardon Petition

To the Honorable Ernie Fletcher:

We ask that you grant full pardons to the following women: Francis Alvey, Tracie English, Mary Ann Long, Margie Marcum, Johnetta McNair, Sue Melton, Sherry Pollard, Paula Richey, Montilla Seewright, Martina Stillwell, and Karen Stout.

Most of these women were granted early release from prison in 1996 after Governor Jones requested the Parole Board to review their convictions for killing or injuring their abusers. Stout was given early release before Jones granted clemency and Alvey and Melton were later given early release after the Parole Board received additional domestic violence evidence in their cases.

When the women were convicted, our justice system failed to consider whether they had acted in self-defense against their abusers, as the law allows. The Parole Board's thorough review determined that they had been abused and were owed their freedom. They deserve to have their lives back.

More victims of domestic violence have been, and continue to be, incarcerated for crimes related to their victimization and we call on you to ask the Kentucky Parole Board to review their cases.

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