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Honorable President George Bush
White House
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Washington, DC 20500
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Re: Clemency for Rachelle Shannon , federal prisoner #59755-065 currently incarcerated at the following address: 5701 8th St. Camp Parks, Dublin, CA 94568.

Honorable George Bush,

I am requesting clemency for Rachelle Shannon, a prisoner of 15 years with 15 more to go. Her 30-year sentence is a harsh one. She bears the pain inflicted by a punitive political spirit outside the province of true crime and just punishment.

Rachelle Shannon has been in prison since August, 1993 when she shot George Tiller in both elbows. Tiller is the infamous late term abortionist, in Wichita, who has been spotlighted by O'Reilly on Fox reporting on the grand jury investigations into criminal abortions and the political chicanery of obstructing such investigations and prosecutions.

Rachelle Shannon shot Mr. Tiller, as the evidence showed, with a hand gun of lesser power than what she had available to her *because she never intended to kill him*. And yet, she did not vigorously contest the attempted murder charges because she wished the focus of her case to be placed on the *reason* she had taken up a gun and shot Mr. Tiller: *the defense of innocent womb children*.

While in prison with an 11-year sentence for attempted murder, Mrs. Shannon was prosecuted for burning down several abortion facilities in the western states. A conviction was easily obtained when federal authorities dug up diaries at her home in which she described the very deeds. Appended to the standing sentence were 19 years to run consecutively.

I have written her over the last fifteen years as have several of my children. We long to have her free so that she can return to her beloved daughter, Angie, who has also suffered prison time on behalf of the innocents.

I am requesting that you do RIGHT and free her. You are a man of integrity; you are a man whom history will judge much kinder than has our fickle, wind-driven citizenry. Those who hate you that hate God as well. And they hate those who have stood for justice for the womb children.

You need not defer to the advice of the United States Attorney, nor his Pardon Attorney, nor any other political advisor. You need in this case only to recognize your Constitutional authority to pardon (Article II, Section 2).

Ironically, your decadent predecessor actually provided an example for you. When he pardoned two people, Marc Rich and Pincus Green for purposes of venality, **he followed none of the usual procedures of the Pardon Attorney's office**. Pardon Attorney Roger C. Adams stated before the U.S. Senate on February 14, 2001, "With respect to the pardon of Marc Rich and Pincus Green, *none of the regular procedures were followed* [my emphasis].

Adams stated before the Senate concerning the provisions of 28 C.F.R. § 1.2: “these rules do not bind the President. The President retains the authority under the Constitution to consider a pardon request from an individual who is ineligible to apply under the regulations or who has not applied at all, and to grant clemency to such a person if he believes such action to be appropriate.”

While Clinton used his power in a dishonorable manner – to reward those who paid him or his wife money, you may use your power as it was intended – *to do what is right* and to correct extraordinary wrongs.

You may commute the sentence of a woman imprisoned for saving the lives of womb children. You *need not follow the usual procedures*. She is not the *usual* convict. She destroyed the Auschwitzes of our time. She attempted to disable a man who butchered children. She is as a biblical Deborah or Jael or a Joan of Arc. Again, please free Rachelle Shannon.

Respectfully,

Michael Bray