

**PETITION FOR RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHT FOR EX-OFFENDERS**

We, the undersigned petitioners, state that the Executive Clemency Board has the duty and obligation to initiate the process to automatically restore civil rights to all Level 1 offenders that have successfully met the criteria set forth pursuant to the Florida Clemency process.

That is, such offenders are not required to take any action in order to have their rights automatically restored. Under the rules of the Florida Clemency process, the rights to be restored are (1) right to vote; (2) right to serve on a jury; (3) right to apply for occupational licenses; and (4) the right to hold public office.

Members of the Clemency Board which are comprised of Governor Charlie Crist, Attorney General Bill McCollum and Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink, (each of whom are currently seeking other elected positions), have abdicated their obligation to automatically restore the civil rights for all Level 1 ex-offenders who have successfully met the criteria set forth pursuant to the Florida Clemency process. These persons have paid their debt to society and should not be punished twice. Moreover, Governor Crist should fulfill his campaign promise to automatically restore the right of ex-offenders.

The Clemency Board's failure to effectively act to initiate the above process is tantamount to nonfeasance or abandonment of their elected duty. These acts of "double jeopardy" must stop.

Wherefore, we the undersigned petitioners respectfully pray and demand that the above individuals proceed on or before March 16, 2010 to restore the rights of all Level 1 ex-offenders and provide the appropriate funds for staff to fulfill this obligation or remove themselves as members of the Florida Clemency Board.

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