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New York State Board of Parole
NYS Board of Parole
1220 Washington Ave, Building 2
Albany, New York 12226-2050

To Whom It May Concern:

I write you today to urge your consideration for the release and parole of Michelle Lennon. It is my understanding this is a decision you will be asked to make very soon.

While I do not know Michelle personally, I am very close to her parents, Len and Rita Fintzy. They have been family friends for more than a decade. The Fintzys are stellar members of our great City. Honest, kind, hard-working, loving and caring – they are both filled with integrity from top to bottom.

As a City Commissioner for the past 12 years, I have worked on many issues with Len and Rita. They are the go-to couple for people in their neighborhood and neighborhoods throughout the City. They are the go-to people when City leaders need guidance and direction. Issues ranging from pension reform, public safety, protecting the environment, education and even our police radio system, have been tackled with the leadership of Mr. Fintzy. None of them easy feats.

The situation with Michelle, including the crime she committed and the progress she has made over the past few years, has been the subject of many conversations over the years. We – the collective we – are ready to embrace Michelle and feel strongly she will thrive with our collective guidance.

Both Rita and Len have strong relationships with so many of our community organizations and businesses. Together, with me and others providing opportunities, we will ensure as smooth a transition as possible. I would imagine most women leaving the prison system are not fortunate enough to have as strong a safety net as Michelle. That fact is heartbreaking, but you should feel confident in Michelle’s safety net. Additionally, I have personally committed to the Fintzys to be a part of finding gainful employment for Michelle in West Palm Beach. I make that same commitment to each of you.

In closing, I wish to thank you for two things: your willingness to read this letter and the work you do, day in and day out, to keep our communities safe and strong.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this request.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Mitchell
West Palm Beach City Commissioner

Cc: Len and Rita Fintzy

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