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Your Honorable Governor Sandoval and Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske:

Since you both are on the Board of State Prison Commissioners, I am bringing to your attention the case of prisoner #64056, Steven Dee Bennett, my first cousin who has been at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center for sixteen years. It was recently discovered that his record had been confused with another, and thus he has spent more years than necessary in prison. He came before the parole board and was told he would get out as of May 1, 2015. It is now two weeks later and nothing has happened. His mother, Shirley Bennett of Tucson, Arizona and his sister Darlene have made multiple phone calls on his behalf to no avail. No one at the correction center seems to know what's happened. His parole officer, Ms. Susan Gust in Tucson, has visited Shirley Bennett but does not know why Steven has not been released. According to a letter written recently by Steven, there are thirty some other men awaiting release as well. No one seems to know why the procedure is not happening.

I am writing to request that you look into the situation. In all fairness, my cousin has "done his time" and should be discharged. I would appreciate any help you can offer our family. I imagine you would want the same for your family.

I can be reached at the address above, or at ghggsl@rit.edu, or at 585-721-5236. I hope to hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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