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Judge Truman Hobbs
251 South Lawrence Street
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IN RE: Roberta Franklin Food Stamp Case

Dear Honorable Judge Hobbs:

First of all, I would like to personally thank you for your fairness in the case of Roberta Franklin. You probably are not aware that in every instance of her planning a prison reform rally, she is arrested. I would like to believe that it is coincidence, but unfortunately I have grown cynical.

It is a proven fact that Ms. Franklin was notified by DHR that her benefits would be reduced due to her having a drug conviction. We truly appreciate you seeing through this farce and allowing her to go home and take care of her child. Everyone involved with Ms. Franklin knows how much she cares for Pooh, and that she is loved and well taken care of.

It goes beyond my entire understanding; why there is a need to keep Ms. Franklin from the job that she feels bound to perform. It is an extremely lonely task to take up the cross of prison reform and convicted felons. It is amazing to me that just one month prior to the Journey for Justice March in Washington DC, she is arrested on such a bogus charge. Apparently, what they don't understand, regardless of whether Ms. Franklin is there to lead this March or not, it will proceed forward.

In my opinion, by keeping she from the March would only go to show the entire nation a negative impression of Alabama. What kind of state will others think we live in, if we cannot voice our opinion and speak out on issues not popular politically? If she should be kept from this gathering, it would be public knowledge to the entire country.

Why would DHR want to pursue should a charge that would cost more money to prosecute that she was supposedly overpaid? Especially, in lieu of the fact, the error made was on the part of DHR and not Ms. Franklin!

She has brought an unpopular cause to the forefront that has been

neglected and forgotten.

We honestly appreciate your unprejudiced fairness toward Ms. Franklin and I wish all wearing those robes, would practice compassion and fairness as you have in this matter.

Many of us have had such negative encounters with the justice system; it is indeed uplifting to know that there is still honor at the bench.

Respectfully,

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“The reasons why juveniles are not trusted with the privileges and responsibilities of an adult also explain why their irresponsible conduct is not as morally reprehensible as that of an adult”

- U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens

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