

# WHO BENEFITS?



Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Re: Helen Loheac W-41465

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

I hereby request the immediate release of Helen Loheac on the grounds of simple humanitarian decency and fiscal responsibility. I am appalled that you have denied her request for clemency and urge you to reconsider this case. Helen is an 82-year old woman who has been incarcerated for 13 years for her alleged involvement in a dubious conspiracy to commit murder. No one was harmed or killed as a result of this conspiracy and it is doubtful that Helen had any real knowledge or involvement in this crime. Helen fulfilled a request from her son to give his money to someone, as her son was in the county jail and could not handle the transaction himself. The person, to whom she gave the money, was an undercover officer who was investigating her son. There is evidence that Helen's son was abusive toward her and that she was afraid of him.

Your predecessor, Governor Davis, referred this case to the Board of Prison Terms Investigations. Representatives of the Board of Prison Terms held the case for 2 years due to caseload pressure. Now you have denied this clemency request! There are several factors you should reconsider:

- ✓ Helen Loheac is transported from prison to the local hospital 3 times a week for kidney dialysis.
- ✓ Helen stands 5 feet tall and weights 90 pounds.
- ✓ Helen is 82 year old.
- ✓ It is difficult to conceive of anyone who poses less of a threat to society.
- ✓ Releasing Helen would save the state at least \$300,000.00 per year.

Sister Terry Dodge, S.S.L., has accepted Helen Loheac at Crossroads located in Claremont, where she could live out her remaining months of life in peace. Helen Loheac has more than paid for any mistake she might have made and she should be released at once.

Clemency for Helen Loheac is both a morally and fiscally sound decision. I urge you to reconsider and act at once.

## **WHO BENEFITS by keeping her in Prison?**