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MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**STEPHANIE CHANG**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Governor Rick Snyder  
PO Box 30013  
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Re: Fredrick Freeman, MDOC Prisoner # 189355

Dear Governor Snyder,

I write this letter in support of Fredrick Freeman's request for commutation. I do not write support letters for commutation very often but Mr. Freeman's situation is one that I have known about for a long time and I feel strongly that he should be released from prison.

I first learned about Fred Freeman's case years ago when I worked for the Campaign for Justice, working on the legislative effort to reform our state's indigent defense system. The inadequacy of his defense attorney, problematic police and prosecution practices, and outlandish assertion that he chartered a plane from the Upper Peninsula to commit murder were quite shocking. I met with Michelle Woodworth earlier this fall and she has been Fred's alibi witness for over thirty years but never able to make a statement in court.

It is important to point out that many impartial individuals who have examined the case have concluded that Mr. Freeman is completely innocent of the crime he was convicted of, as you can see from the documents Proving Innocence has provided. There is no forensic or physical evidence connecting Mr. Freeman to the crime he was convicted of, and there are nine witnesses that place him in Escanaba around the time of the murder that took place in Port Huron.

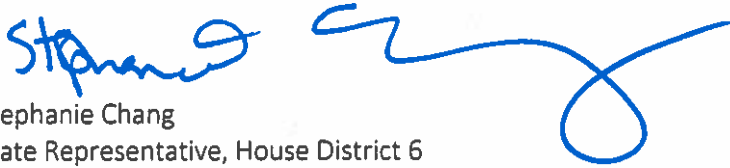
Mr. Freeman has serious health conditions that developed while he has been in prison. Michigan taxpayers are footing the bill for these health care costs as well as his incarceration. I believe the most humane thing to do would be to release him from prison so he can receive medical care outside of prison and be in the community with loved ones.



It is atrocious that this kind of miscarriage of justice could take place in our state, leaving an innocent individual in prison for more than three decades. I truly hope that Mr. Freeman is able to receive the freedom he deserves one day very soon. I urge you to grant Mr. Freeman's request for commutation.

Thank you very much for your consideration. If you have any questions, you can reach my office at (517) 373-0823 or [stephaniechang@house.mi.gov](mailto:stephaniechang@house.mi.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Chang', followed by a large, stylized flourish that loops back to the right.

Stephanie Chang  
State Representative, House District 6

Cc: Michigan Parole and Commutation Board