

TO: Office of Governor Charlie Crist
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The Capitol
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RE: Charles Free, a.k.a. Jack Hazen

Dear Gov. Crist and members of the Florida Cabinet,

As a resident of the great state of Florida, I feel obligated to inform my elected officials that I object to the incarceration of Mr. Charles Free, a.k.a. Jack Hazen, who has been brought to our state to pay for a crime committed 32 years ago.

An elderly and sick man, Free should not be in prison. He struggles with Alzheimer's, diabetes, multiple sclerosis and cancer. With these medical conditions, Free faces pain and distress for the rest of his life. The state of Florida should not contribute to Free's suffering by forcing him to live his final years in prison.

The medical costs associated with treating and jailing Free will now fall on the state's residents. We currently face budgetary cuts in social services and education, and it is wasteful and negligent to spend tax dollars punishing a 62-year-old man who didn't physically harm anyone in the original crime.

There must be another way for Free to pay his debt that won't burden our state's limited resources. I support any efforts to reduce or remove Free's prison sentence, and encourage all of you to expedite the clemency process.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,