**Letter #1 – Advocate to amend FL’s Compensation Law**

October 2, 2019

The Honorable [Full Name of Legislator]

Florida State (Senate/House of Representatives)

State Capitol Building Room [Room #] Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear (Senator/Representative) [Last name of Legislator],

RE: Florida Victims of Wrongful Incarceration Compensation Law Reform

I am writing you today to tell you about an issue I would like your office to draw your attention toward. Since 1989, 2,500 individuals have been exonerated from imprisonment for crimes they did not commit. In total more than 22,094 years have been lost by these individuals. Reforming Florida’s Victims of Wrongful Incarceration Compensation Act to eliminate the “clean hands” provision would give exonerees a fair chance and assist wrongfully convicted and exonerated Floridians to recover from financial disadvantages due to the deprivation of financial opportunities during the time they spent imprisoned for crimes they did not commit.  Florida has one of the most restrictive exoneree compensation laws in the country. Removing the ‘clean hands’ provision,’ replacing the bar on civil litigation with an offset provision, and creating a reasonable deadline to file compensation claims would greatly improve the law. Please support this vital legislative initiative in support of those who have been wrongfully imprisoned.

[Personal Statement or Story Connected to Legislation]

I ask that you support Florida Exoneree Compensation Law Reform. [Reason to Support]. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your address]

[City, State, Zip code] [Phone number]

**Letter #2 – Advocate for the Recording of Custodial Interrogations**

October 2, 2019

The Honorable [Full Name of Legislator]

Florida State (Senate/House of Representatives)

State Capitol Building Room [Room #] Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear (Senator/Representative) [Last name of Legislator],

RE: Florida Law Requiring Recording of Law Enforcement Interrogations

Today, 26 states and all federal law enforcement agencies require recording of suspect interrogations. Florida does not require this practice. At least 56 Florida law enforcement agencies have chosen to record interrogations including Miami-Dade County, Fort Lauderdale, and Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office. However, without a law there is no consistent statewide practice. Having a statewide law/practice would protect the defendants’ rights and law enforcement’s credibility. Please support this vital legislative initiative.

[Personal Statement or Story Connected to Legislation]

I ask that you support requiring the recording of law enforcement interrogations. [Reason to Support]. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your address]

[City, State, Zip code] [Phone number]