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**STATEMENT BY COUNSEL FOR SHIRLEY SMITH REGARDING
TODAY'S GRANT OF COMMUTATION**

Our client Shirley Smith is deeply grateful to Governor Brown for his action today in commuting her sentence of life in prison to credit for time served. We firmly believe that Ms. Smith spent ten years in prison for a crime she did not commit. During the fifteen years since her conviction, a great deal of new scientific evidence has surfaced calling into question the shaken baby theory relied on to prove her guilt. Within the last two months new medical evidence has surfaced supporting her specific claim of innocence. As her counsel, we are now in the process of evaluating a renewed judicial challenge to her conviction based on this new evidence. While the specter of her return to prison has now been lifted by the Governor's action, Ms. Smith deserves to be completely exonerated.

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