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Michigan Department of Corrections Office of the Parole Board Pardons and Commutations Coordinator P.O. Box 30003 Lansing, MI 48909

> RE: Nancy Seaman MDOC Inmate No. 520695

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please accept this letter as a recommendation in support of clemency for Nancy Seaman.

Along with my son, Todd A. Kaluzny, I was Nancy Seaman's trial attorney in the Oakland County Circuit Court before Judge John McDonald. I have been practicing law for over 36 years. As a criminal defense attorney, and formerly as a prosecutor, I have handled over 8000 criminal cases, including over 100 murder cases and 600 trials. This is the first time in my career that I have written a letter to the Parole Board in support of a clemency petition. As a trial attorney, I believe there are certain cases that simply cry out for some form of justice. Nancy Seaman's case is one such case.

Though she was convicted in 2004, I am still haunted by the recognition that Nancy Seaman, a person who was a victim of spousal abuse for nearly 30 years, has been convicted of first degree murder. However, I will not elaborate on the reasons for that conviction.

What I will say is that I have received many letters of support for Ms. Seaman, both during and following her trial, from her former students, fellow teachers, friends and acquaintances. The common theme of the letters I received was that Nancy was unequivocally described as a kind, gentle and caring person. She was highly thought of by many who have known her personally, and in her capacity as a dedicated elementary

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school teacher. On the other hand, I also received letters describing her husband in quite the opposite manner.

Ms. Seaman has never claimed that her husband deserved to die. However, she desperately tried to explain the fear that controlled her actions on the night of the incident and during the following days. In my opinion, the tragic circumstances leading to Mr. Seaman's death were truly precipitated by Nancy's fear that he was going to kill her on that night.

I would also like to point out that the Honorable John J. McDonald of the Oakland County Circuit Court, who presided over Ms. Seaman's trial, recognized the injustice of the jury's verdict and attempted to rectify it by reducing the verdict to that of second degree murder. The Judge tried to do so after hearing all the testimony and evidence presented, and knowing all the details of the case. I believe that action by Judge McDonald speaks volumes regarding Ms. Seaman's trial and verdict.

It is my hope that this letter will assist Ms. Seaman, in some small way, in her efforts to obtain some understanding, justice and relief in this matter. Nancy Seaman is not, and never will be, a threat to society. She is kind and caring. She is an educated person who has a lot to offer society. Society gains nothing by incarcerating Nancy Seaman for the rest of her life.

I humbly ask that you accept this letter as the strongest support possible for Ms. Seaman, who I believe deserves whatever consideration can be given to her. Additionally, I welcome any questions you may have that may assist her in her quest for relief.

Sincerely,

Lawrence G. Kaluzny

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