



KATE BROWN  
GOVERNOR

September 15, 2021

Christopher Michael Gonzalez  
c/o Lafky & Lafky  
429 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Christopher Gonzalez:

I have received and reviewed your application for a commutation of sentence.

The power to grant executive clemency is a responsibility that I take very seriously. I believe that a Governor's clemency power should be exercised sparingly. The separation of powers inherent in our system of government and respect for the workings of the judicial system require that the Governor's clemency power be used in only the most extraordinary of circumstances.

I have considered carefully whether your application for commutation should be granted. Under the circumstances, I have concluded that a commutation is not warranted. I am therefore denying your application.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

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cc: Paige Clarkson

