

The Honorable Kim Reynolds  
Governor of Iowa  
State Capitol  
1007 East Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50319

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Dear Governor Reynolds,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations from across the United States dedicated to supporting vulnerable women and children—including survivor leaders with lived experience of exploitation and dehumanization—we respectfully ask you to consider granting clemency, up to a full pardon, to Pieper Lewis.

This request is rooted not in disregard for the law, but in recognition of the extraordinary trauma, exploitation, and abuse that shaped the circumstances surrounding her case. Pieper Lewis entered the public eye as a young teenager who had endured repeated victimization, instability, and unimaginable hardship long before she became known through the criminal justice system. Her story exposed painful realities about the vulnerabilities many trafficked children face and the difficult intersections between foster care, trauma, survival, and justice.

We believe Iowa has the opportunity to demonstrate both accountability and compassion by recognizing the remarkable progress Pieper has made since her conviction. Rehabilitation is one of the foundational purposes of our justice system, and clemency exists precisely for cases where mercy, healing, and restoration deserve consideration alongside punishment.

A pardon would acknowledge several important truths:

- Children and vulnerable youth who have experienced exploitation often act from places of trauma and survival rather than criminal intent.
- Iowa values restorative justice and believes people should not be permanently defined by the worst moments of their lives.
- Redemption and personal transformation are possible.
- Survivors of sexual violence and trafficking deserve pathways toward healing, stability, and hope.

Granting clemency in this case would send a powerful message that our state is willing to look deeply at the realities of exploitation and trauma while also affirming the possibility of restoration. It would not erase the seriousness of what occurred, but it would recognize the broader context and the humanity of a young woman who has already endured profound suffering.

We respectfully ask you to review Pieper Lewis's case with compassion and to consider exercising your constitutional authority to grant her a pardon.

Thank you for your time, your service to the people of Iowa, and your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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