



ROBERT W. WIRCH

STATE SENATOR TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT

Governor Tony Evers
115 East—State Capitol Building
Madison, WI 53703

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Dear Governor Evers:

I wholeheartedly support Lisa Parham's application for a pardon. I have known Lisa Parham as a leader in the Racine community for over five years. During that time, she has demonstrated her character and is held in high regard by myself and throughout Racine. She is also a dedicated mother, having raised a successful daughter who is a doctor.

Lisa was convicted of a non-violent, financial offense as a young adult. She served her brief sentence with Huber privilege. She was not aware that her offense prevented her from running for office, and she was elected to the Racine Unified School Board. While on the Board she was a strong voice for educators and children and she took tough votes to support both. She was forced to resign when it came to light that this offense from the past prevented her from holding office. Lisa contacted me at that time to see if there was a way to remove this offense from her record, but due to the fact the judge did not indicate it at sentencing, she was not eligible for an expungement.

As a community leader, Lisa Parham can be found to be one of the first people to step up and volunteer. She serves on the board of The Racine Symphony, African American Roundtable and she hosts a weekly radio show, The Gospel Hour of Power.

Lisa Parham is also a successful entrepreneur. She has worked hard to maintain the tradition of local African-American newspapers and is the Editor and Publisher of both the Racine Mirror, Insider News and publisher of the Southeastern Wisconsin Labor Paper. Through her ventures, she is able to cover local events and people that are impacting positive change in Racine. She has recently partnered with Racine native and retired NBA Star Caron Butler to expand the Insider News and start a podcast. This partnership demonstrates Lisa's leadership in the business community and shows how she has grown her publication during a time when newspapers are facing financial challenges.

Thank you for your sincere consideration of Lisa Parham's pardon application. If I can provide any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

ROBERT W. WIRCH
State Senator
22nd Senate District