



May 15, 2026

Tina M. Peters
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Pueblo, CO 81003

Dear Ms. Peters:

I am writing to inform you that I am granting your application for a commutation. After learning about your case, I am commuting your sentence by granting you a limited commutation such that your total sentence, inclusive of time in County Jail and the Department of Corrections, is commuted to 4 years and 4.5 months, and you shall be released on parole effective June 1, 2026, with terms and conditions of parole to be set by the Parole Board.

My decision today is based on the circumstances of your case alone. My decision is not to be taken as a judgment on the wisdom of your convictions or a statement about any particular aspect of our criminal justice system.

You were sentenced to 6 months in County Jail and 8 years and 3 months in the Department of Corrections, for a total sentence of almost 9 years. The crimes you were convicted of are very serious and you deserve to spend time in prison for these offenses.

However, this is an extremely unusual and lengthy sentence for a first time offender who committed nonviolent crimes.

I agree with the principle highlighted by the Colorado Court of Appeals in your case that, "...the First Amendment generally prohibits punishing someone for their protected speech. '[A] court may not punish an individual by imposing a heavier sentence for the exercise of [F]irst [A]mendment rights. . . . A sentence based to any degree on activity or beliefs protected by the [F]irst [A]mendment is constitutionally invalid.'"

Further I agree, in this case, "[T]he trial court's comments about Peters's belief in the existence of 2020 election fraud went beyond relevant considerations for her sentencing. Her offense was not her belief, however misguided the trial court deemed it to be, in the existence of such election fraud; it was her deceitful actions in her attempt to gather evidence of such fraud. Indeed, under these circumstances, just as her purported beliefs underlying her motive for her actions were not relevant to her defense, the trial court should not have considered those beliefs relevant when imposing sentence."

Importantly, your application demonstrates taking responsibility for your crimes, and a commitment to follow the law going forward. For these reasons, I am commuting your sentence.

This commutation will change your future. It is up to you to make the most of this opportunity.

Good luck to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared Polis
Governor