



COLORADO
Governor Jared Polis

Azra Taslimi
Transmitted via email

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Ms. Taslimi,

Clemency is a weighty and unique responsibility that I take seriously. The clemency process requires thoughtful review, unbiased consideration, and the utmost confidentiality and trust. This letter serves as notice that your appointment to the Governor’s Executive Clemency Advisory Board is terminated, effective immediately, due to breaching the standard of confidentiality required of the clemency process as set forth in Executive Order B 2019 012. Specifically, you breached the required duty of confidentiality by publicly divulging Board members’ votes pertaining to a clemency application which you obtained only through your official position on this Board.

Members of the Executive Clemency Advisory Board are entrusted with access to highly confidential information throughout the clemency process. Executive Order B 2019 012 requires that “[a]ll Board proceedings and records, including clemency applications and related materials, shall be confidential and shall be available solely to the Governor and the Governor's staff.” Given the sensitive nature of the clemency process, every board member must be held to the highest standard of confidentiality when handling clemency applications, no matter what application is at hand. This confidentiality requirement protects the applicants, victims, witnesses, other Board members, and others involved directly in the clemency cases before the Board and my office, and ensures that I receive accurate, candid recommendations to consider as part of my decision-making process.

Maintaining the integrity of the clemency review process and preserving the confidentiality of Board deliberations are essential to the Board’s mission and the trust placed in its members. As a result, your continued service on the Board is inconsistent with the requirements of the Executive Order.

Thank you for your service to the State of Colorado.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor

