

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE PARDON ATTORNEY**

In the Matter of:

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PR NO. 7305098

Joseph Maldonado-Passage

Second Petition to Issue Report to The President

To the Honorable William Taylor, II, Executive Officer, Office of the Pardon Attorney:

Your October 15, 2020, electronic communication regarding our Commutation Petition, file No. C291973 is acknowledged. We are concerned, however, that a search of your website does not reflect the filing of that petition or the Pardon Petition already on file in PR No. 7305098.

Because of the interest expressed by and on behalf of The President in this particular matter, it is of particular concern that citizens do not see that the petitions are on file and under consideration. Of further concern, is the fact that the Office of the Pardon Attorney has not issued her report and forwarded the Petition with your recommendation to The President. Ironically, if The President wished to review the status of these petitions on your website, he would be unable to do so. It is fortunate that, at the request of the appropriate personnel, both petitions had to be forwarded to The White House.

Once again, Part I, Executive Clemency, Section 1.6 (5)(c) provides:

“The Attorney General shall review each petition and all pertinent information developed by the investigation and shall determine whether the request for clemency is of sufficient merit to warrant favorable action by the President. **The Attorney General shall report in writing his or her recommendation to the President, stating whether in his or her Judgment, the President should grant or deny the petition.**”

This is our second formal request that the Attorney General comply with this mandate and issue his written report and forward Joe's Pardon Petition, together with her statement whether or not the President should grant or deny the petition.

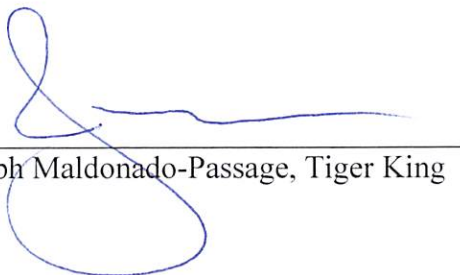
It is also formally requested that your Office and its website reflect the proper, timely and pending status of both Petitions so that interested and involved parties may review it.

The obvious urgency dictated by the impending election makes every day of the essence. Joe remains disappointed that the Pardon Attorney so quickly, and apparently without much (if any) investigation, first rejected the filing of the Pardon Petition and subsequently summarily denied the waiver request.

The Attorney General's failure or refusal to make his report and forward the Pardon Application to the President for his consideration, is in effect, a deprivation of the President's Constitutional right to grant or deny a Pardon.

Respectfully Submitted,

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