

## WHAT RIGHTS AM I ENTITLED TO SHOULD THE DEFENDANT BE PARDONED OR THE SENTENCE COMMUTED?

If the defendant is pardoned (forgiven); or if the sentence is commuted (reduced), then you are entitled to be informed by the Governor's Clemency Office of these decisions.

### Notice of a pardon or commuted sentence:

- The Governor's Clemency Office **shall** notify you when it is considering commuting the defendant's sentence or pardoning the defendant.
- The Governor's Clemency Office **shall** also give notice that you have the right to present a written statement to be considered by the Governor's Clemency Office before the defendant's sentence is commuted or the defendant is pardoned.
- The Governor's Clemency Office **shall** notify you of its decision. This notice **shall** be given in a manner that is reasonably calculated to allow for a timely response to the commutation or pardon decision.

*Pursuant to this Article:*

### No money damages:

\*This Article, including the provision of a service pursuant to this Article through the Statewide Automated Victim Assistance and Notification System established by the Governor's Crime Commission, **does not create a claim for damages against** the State, a county, or a municipality, or any of its agencies, instrumentalities, officers, or employees.

**\*TRANSLATION: You cannot sue the State, a county, or a municipality, or any of its agencies, instrumentalities, officers, or employees for damages**