

September 11, 2012

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Ronald,

Today, the *U.S. Postal Service* is issuing a stamp commemorating the 150th birthday of one of America's most famous and beloved authors, William Sydney Porter, also known as "O. Henry."

Enclosed, you will find an application for the granting of a posthumous presidential pardon on Mr. Porter's behalf. The application and accompanying materials were put together by myself and Scott Henson.

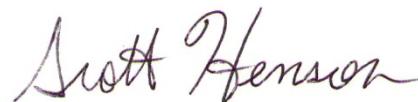
We well understand that it is the "general policy" of the Department of Justice "not to accept for processing applications for posthumous pardons for federal convictions." So, we respectfully ask that you look over the enclosed materials, consider the merit of the arguments therein and support our effort to see that this petition is granted the status of "exception" to the general rule.

We hope (and believe) that your support of this application will be encouraged by the fact that it is *not at all* "based on a claim of manifest injustice." Thus, there is little need for the "historical record" to be "scoured objectively and comprehensively to investigate such claims."

Indeed, William Porter's rehabilitation, and post-prison life as a well-respected, law-abiding citizen are beyond dispute, as are his exceptional accomplishments as a writer. You need only reference the fact that President Obama quoted O. Henry while granting pardons to Thanksgiving turkeys last year.

Please consider, and *support*, this application. If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to contact either of us.

Sincerely,



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Ronald,

We wish to amend the application that we have filed on behalf of William Sydney Porter (O. Henry) to reflect the following changes on the second page.

Namely, we wish to note that Porter's conviction was in the Western District of **Texas**, not Ohio (Question 2, line 2).

And, for the sake of thoroughness, we add that the conviction was for "embezzlement of funds from a national bank" (Question 2, line 3).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Henson".

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