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**RE: Jarvis Jay Masters**

Dear Oprah,

I am aware that you have been in touch with my attorney Joe Baxter. It is so important to note that with Joe not visiting me or regularly communicating with me—I have become more frustrated and concerned about how I am being represented. Ever since he lost my appeal, I have not in any way agreed with his approach. Joe has submitted legal materials for you to review. These materials have led to the loss of my appeals rather than helping me, and I believe they will do more harm than good.

I have had to struggle countless times over the years for my voice to be heard by my attorneys. **Please realize I have to contend with some members in my court-appointed legal team who had— at one time—questioned all my writing.** Despite what my lawyers thought was best for me, I pursued *Finding Freedom* and *That Bird Has My Wings* and many other published works. And through this, I have seen how I can be of benefit to others.

It's been so hard to decide what's best for me, and to be with a chance to follow my path. It is as if I am caught between needing people and at the same time, keeping my own ideas and intuition. For sure, it is a delicate balance and yet with my attorneys, I often wonder why I am silenced and excluded on matters of my appeals.

Sadly, since being in contact with you, Joe has implied that you will consider whatever he thinks is best for me. This only serves to upset and stress me. He's shown a total disregard for me in not telling me that he planned things like an appearance on *60 Minutes* or an Op-Ed piece in the *New York Times*. Other people important to my case have communicated to me that he considered the impractical idea of your grand attendance at my habeas court hearing—I would never want to waste your time for you to consider these ideas.

**I am still hopeful that when the California Supreme Court revisits my case, my trial attorney Chris Andrian— whose 45 years of trial experience I trust more than anyone else—will overturn my conviction and that I do well with my freedom.**

It is key that I do not give the impression of trying to force the California Supreme Court to rush my case. I had only initially sought to request declarations of support to present to the Court as necessary.

I know you're busy and **again, I was only asking for a simple declaration of support. This declaration itself—2 or 3 simple paragraphs— would bring more clarity to my case than any other action.** I am honored that in 2014, you had read my books in a matter of days, and were interested in interviewing me about my story, my commitment to not cause harm, and my spiritual evolution. I was looking forward to our meeting at San Quentin for your *Super Soul Sunday*, but unfortunately, it was not in San Quentin's interest.

Again, it's important what I'm asking of you— a declaration of support—and nothing more. It's painful for me that my attorneys would ask you for more or that this situation be manipulated under the disguise of helping me.

Sincerely,

Jarvis Jay Masters