Dear Friend,

We are deeply indebted to our many friends who have supported us by donating to the Registry in 2019. If you haven’t yet and are able, there’s still time to support our work against wrongful convictions.

In 2019, the Registry:

- Listed more than 2,500 exonerations of innocent defendants who spent more than 22,000 years in prison—including 50 exonerees who served more than 30 each.
- Gathered detailed information on all 59 prosecutorial Conviction Integrity Units across the country.
- Posted 124 exonerations that occurred in 2019 — and counting! — including:
  - 19 false confessions,
  - 20 convictions caused by forensic evidence problems,
  - 42 defendants who were misidentified by eyewitnesses,
  - 79 exonerees who were victims of serious official misconduct,
  - 87 convictions based on perjury or other lies.

The Newkirk Center for Science & Society has provided a home where we can work, thrive, and play an increasingly active role in the life of the University of California - Irvine. This year, among other events, we:

- showed a documentary on a landmark four-woman exoneration in Texas, with talks by two of the exonerees;
- hosted a presentation by a Pulitzer Prize-winning author on his recent book on a likely false arson-murder conviction;
- presented an evening with the creators of a documentary series on the dangers of forensic evidence;
- supported a panel by researchers conducting a path-breaking study of how police actually obtain eyewitness identifications.
• Release a book-length report on police and prosecutorial misconduct in false convictions.
• Undertake a multi-year study on forensic and expert evidence problems.
• Launch a database on “group exonerations.”

Every dollar donated to the Registry goes directly to help us study and disseminate information on wrongful convictions—why they occur and how to prevent them. We are extremely grateful for any support you can give.

With gratitude,

Simon A. Cole, Director

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