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To the President of the United States,

The undersigned citizens of Louisville most respectfully state,

That in the Spring of 1861 one Samuel O. Bacon then a mere lad but sixteen years old was persuaded and induced as they believe by Blanton Duncan and other unprincipled and artful men to abandon his home and friends, and join the Rebels. Said Bacon remained with the Rebels until July 1863 at which time he was made a Prisoner by the Union Troops, and he's remained in the Military Prison at Camp Douglass near Chicago ever since.

They [say?] said Samuel has as they believe [retreated?] the part he took against the Federal Government, that his father and relatives are Loyal and unconditionally for the Union, and that said Samuel would if allowed to take the Oath of Allegiance and set at Liberty, hereafter be a peaceable and lawabiding citizen. He was very young and easily excited when

he joined the rebels and they thereafter pray that he be set at liberty and allowed to return to his father and believe the interest of the Federal Government would not be prejudiced by [liberty?] in his case.

Respectfully, R.U. [Ruesseau?]

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If Samuel O. Bacon will take the amnesty oath as prescribed by the President, I think the public interests would not be injured by his release from Prison as prayed for in his petition.

[Edwyn?] Needham

I am opposed to any effort of this sort ordinarily, but if indulgence is ever granted, this seems to be a case calling for it.

> Will R. [Heavey?] [Counsel?] of [Earnest?] 5 [District], KY

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The father of this youth is one of the best Union men in this city, active, zealous, intelligent and efficient. His mother was one of my dearest friends, and for these reasons, I violate my rule by joining in this petition.

T. S. Bell Surgeon Board of Enrollment

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I know Sam O. Bacon's father. He is a true and loyal man. I do not know the youth. For the Father's sake I earnestly ask the release of the son.

James Speed

[The following is written in Abraham Lincoln's handwriting] Let this man take the oath of Dec. 8, 1863 and be discharged.

A. Lincoln

Feb. 1, 1865

[End of transcription]