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Dear Office OF The Chief Clerk/TCF:

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I, Nicholes Parish, am writing you this letter today in regards to my Landscape Irrigation Technician license application being denied due to my criminal history. I am requesting a formal hearing on the denial of my application. I understand, why the ED intends to deny the application. But I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to explain my rehabilitation efforts and why I would never repeat any crime, especially a crime like the one committed in 2019. First, I have been landscaping for almost 10 years now and I truly enjoy it. I've worked in other fields, but I've always returned back to landscaping. Landscaping has turned into a passion of mine. It's very gratifying to see my completed work and to see how pleased the customer's and my employers are. I take pride in my work and have maintained a good rapport and trusting relationship with my employer. Basically, my next goal involves obtaining this Technician license, so that I can advance in

MY Career. 2019 was an extremely difficult year in my life. Prior to the incident that occurred, I wasn't living right nor had I learned how to live right. I spent my childhood and teenage years in and out of CPS custody and foster care. This is by no means an excuse to what happened in 2019. There isn't a day that goes by that it doesn't haunt me. I deeply regret it. But unfortunately due to how I grew up and the kind of individuals that I was always surrounded by, I ended up picking up some of the same very bad habits that I was raised around, such as a bad attitude, poor stress-management skills, excessive drinking, unstable living situations, and unstable relationships. I knew that I was in a bad unhealthy place in my life but I had no idea how to get out of it. Then after the incident happened, I knew that I could either spend the rest of my life in and out of prison or make a drastic change (for the better) in my life. I couldn't change what happened, but I had to take action to ensure that my life would never again be in a situation or

environment where something like that could happen again. These past few years have been full of change. The first thing's I changed was to get out of the toxic lifestyle I was in. I stopped surrounding myself with the unhealthy family members and "friends" that I used to associate with. I had also been in a very unhealthy relationship during this time, which I also ended. I recently completed 3 years of probation and completed early due to good behavior and consistently good check-ins. I kept in good standing with my probation officer. Here is her information if you desire to contact her:
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806-378-3700

While on probation, I completed an anger management course through Amarillo College and completed my community service early. In 2020, I began dating a woman to whom I'm married to now. We have a 23 month old son together and I can proudly say that we have a very peaceful home, which is also a alcohol-free home.

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we have been living in the same home for almost 3 years now and attend more church on a regular basis. my wife and i are both happily sober and voluntarily attend recovery meetings at our church as well. I have been off probation for almost 5 months now and have continued to stay on my new, healthy path and continue to voluntarily attend church and recovery meetings. The changes that i made these past few years are for life, not temporary changes. I have moments every once in a while where i think to my self, "Wow. I have a good life". In many ways, i am not the same person that i was prior to 2019. I needed to find myself, and God, which i have done these past few years. I needed to gain skills such as how to better manage stressful situations and live as a respectable man. I am happier and healthier (mentally and physically) than i have ever been. I never had a happy healthy relationship and a peaceful home. My family tells me how much i've changed over these past few years.

That especially tell me how much
happier i look. If given the opportunity
to become licensed, I would value it
with the most respect and never do
anything to even closely Jeopardize that
and the trust and confidence of the
State, the customers, or anyone involved.

Thank you for your time,
Nicholas parish

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