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The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
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Dear President Biden,

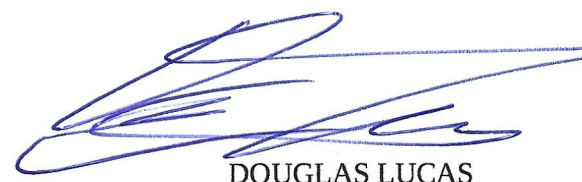
I'm a Seattle-based freelance writer and substitute teacher for Seattle Public Schools. For Buffalo's alt-weekly *The Public*, I reported<sup>1</sup> in person from the sentencing of Putingate whistleblower Reality Leigh Winner, Bureau of Prisons register number 22056-021, who moved to three years of supervised release on November 23, 2021. At my personal website, I have blogged<sup>2</sup> multiple entries covering her ongoing story.

You may be aware that on Sunday 5 December 2021, 60 Minutes interviewed her and told a countrywide audience about her pardon application. The information she leaked to *The Intercept* was part of the last count in Robert Mueller's "12 Russians" indictment and the Election Assistance Commission, in an effort to protect election integrity, immediately amplified the data she provided upon its publication, going so far as to hashtag her name in their tweet. In sum, Reality Winner warned everyone about Putin regime/GRU cyberattacks on U.S. voting infrastructure just days before the 2016 presidential election.

A pardon for this whistleblower who before the judge took responsibility for her action would send a very strong signal domestically and internationally that the United States does not support Trump/Putin-style autocracy. You of course met with Vladimir Putin last Tuesday, so you understand the gravity of the global situation. I showed my social studies classes the Reuters footage of that meeting. Students said Putin looked fearless and you looked scared. I hope you will pardon Reality Leigh Winner so that I can tell them otherwise.

She deserves it very much. And so does the United States and the worldwide public.

Sincerely,



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1 <http://www.dailypublic.com/articles/08242018/reality-winner-sentenced-63-months>

2 <https://douglaslucas.com/blog/category/activism/realitywinner/>