ATTACHMENT A

RESPONDENT'S PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION
Dear Board members and all who are involved,

I am submitting this letter in another attempt for approval regarding my Medical Retirement.

Throughout this whole process there are some things that I may have or may not have done correctly according to your guideline. I only know that I have done all things to the best of my ability to see that I had done the right things to assure my Medical Retirement was in proper standing in all areas.

I don’t have the means to afford any legal representation to assist me in this process, I’m sure if I did, this process would have been more favorable and less complicated for me.

I knew that in my line of work there would be hazardous situations that I would come across, after all working for California’s Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is not at all like working safely behind a desk. As a Corrections Officer our lives are at a higher risk for injury. I had to work with felons who are incarcerated for heinous crimes that they committed against society and who are also know for violently attacking Corrections Officers while they are being housed within a corrections facility.

Unfortunately, I happened to be one of those Corrections Officers who was assaulted while on the job and due to that injury, I am no longer able to continue to work or to financially sustain for my family or household.

Due to the injury I sustained while on the job from an inmate I am no longer able to continue with my employment with California Department of Corrections or with any other agency. Due to my injury I am no longer able to pass an aptitude test that would allow me further employment now that I am 79% permanent stationary disabled.
When I sustained this injury while on the job, at the time I did not think that this injury would cause so much damage to my entire body as it has, nor did I see the damage it caused on my occupational future, nor the damage it has caused to my home and family life, nor was I able to see the major damage it has caused on my state of mind.

Throughout this whole process I have had to go to numerous doctors, specialist, and therapist -both for occupational and mental- At one point, the surgery for my knee replacement was approved, then denied and I had to start the whole process over again of seeing numerous doctors, specialist, and therapist. This entire process took years to complete and I can assume thousands of dollars versus getting a direct approval for a work-related knee injury, which would have giving me the opportunity to continue with my occupational career.

This letter is being submitting with the hopes that CalPERS and all those who are involved in this approval for my Medical Retirement will favor my case and allow me to have and be considered Medically Retired. There were some things that I did not understand during this process of what I could have done that I may not have done but the not knowing is something that I shouldn't be punished for. Please take into consideration that this Medical Retirement process is all new to me. I am not here trying to defraud, lie or gain something that I am not entitled to. This injury has become a serious misfortunate incident that has taken away my life as I once knew it to be.

Respectfully,

Ronald E. Archuleta.