

# The Pardon of Rosie Ruiz

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**A**RR News is fortunate to have obtained through the Freedom of Information Act a copy of a Petition for a Pardon by notorious Boston Marathon cheat Rosie Ruiz and submitted to but not acted upon by Bill Clinton during the waning days of his administration. We run it here in full.

The White House  
Washington, DC

Rosie Ruiz,  
Petitioner.

## PETITION FOR A PARDON

TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

 **omes now** your humble Petitioner, Rosie Ruiz, by and through her most able counsel, Perry Pettifogger, Esq., LL.B, J.D., Q.B., Frigget et Quarre, D.k.D, B.F.D., etc., etc., and hereby humbly petitions, beseeches, implores, begs and otherwise throws herself on the great and good infinite and all-powerful mercy and compassion of Your Honor, and as grounds, would shew unto Your Honor as follows:

1. Your Petitioner is of humble origins, a peasant from the oppressed Isle of Cuba, who only through the grace of God and these blessed United States of America came to these fruited shores as an oppressed girl and daughter of a single, oppressed mother.
2. Your Petitioner has, through the years, been actively engaged in the good and great sport of running, and has achieved a fair modicum of notoriety, albeit of a sort generally considered unfavorable, not unlike Your Honor.
3. On or about April 21, 1980, in the City of Boston, your Petitioner competed in a footrace commonly known as the "Boston Marathon," and was fortunate and honored to cross the finish line the first woman runner overall.
4. Nevertheless, your Petitioner has been viciously denied the just fruits of her victory on the basis of a conspiracy of unnamed and unknown victimizers who have brought hurtful and insensitive accusations that have tended to disrespect your Petitioner's great victory.
5. No harm was intended by the above as Petitioner merely sought to finish well, not win the race and unfortunately mistimed her entry into the field. Plus, race day was the last day to use the only subway

token that she had.

6. Your Petitioner has been victimized at the hands of the bourgeois ruling class for most of her life, and suffered the hurtful and disrespectful indignity of being stripped of her great victory even though she to this day continues to possess her winner's medal.

7. Your Petitioner has endured the insensitivities of lookism in having her legs scrutinized, her thighs labeled as "fat" and her general ability to run great distances called into question as a result thereof.

8. Your Petitioner has endured the indignities of intellectualism simply on the basis of her having no apparent knowledge of such obscure and arcane terms as "split times" and "intervals."


9. Your Petitioner has further endured the insensitivity of losing her status as a finisher of the New York City Marathon and accused of riding the subway for part of that event, when in point of fact, she did not mean to speak to that reporter who happened to be sitting across the car from her.

10. Your Petitioner continues to suffer from oppression in being forced into incarceration for selling such innocuous substances as "Coke" and in having her lawyer tell a judge during a bond hearing, "Your honor, my client is not a runner."

11. Your Petitioner has further been victimized for borrowing the small sum of \$60,000 from a former employer, which sum was intended for Your Honor's campaign but was wrongfully taken by a greedy and oppressive capitalist landlord, who really didn't need it anyway and your campaign could have put it to much better use.

12. It is such a temporary paucity of funds that forced your Petitioner to retain the undersigned instead of such legal luminaries as Roger Clinton or Hugh Rodham to bring this Petition, and if given the chance, your Petitioner would obtain ten times as much for Your Honor's use as he sees fit.

13. Specialists feel that the above flights of fancy are really quite harmless and may actually be helpful in long-term therapy.

 herefore, Rosie Ruiz, your humble Petitioner prays that she receive a full and complete pardon for any and all (v)ictimizations, however slight and insubstantial they may be, whether real or imagined (and virtually all are of the latter, you can bet) and for such other and further relief as Your Honor may deem just and proper, and that her oppressors go hence without day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Perry Pettifogger□

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