Henderson Ky March 23rd 1864

His Excellency A Lincoln
President U.S.

James Rouse now a prisoner at Rock Island desires to take the oath contained in the proclamation of Decr 8th 1863 & return home. Said Rouse enlisted on the day of 186 as a musician in the Regt (Rebel) Ky vols Before this Mr Rouse had been a good citizen and we have no doubt that if he is permitted to return that he will so conduct himself in future. He formerly lived in this county & desires to return here. He enlisted in Union County. He has numerous relatives in this county a majority of whom are loyal and considered as good citizens as we have. We respectfully petition for his release upon the usual conditions

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