Moratorium On Pardons Urged

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The American Bar Association urged yesterday that presidential pardons be withheld, except in "extraordinary circumstances involving public interests of great magnitude," until appropriate judicial processes have been followed.

The ABA's Board of Governors issued the policy statement 12 days after President Ford pardoned former President Nixon before he had been indicted.

The statement said the ABA was "concerned with public reaction resulting from the pardon and from reports that additional pardons were being considered.

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