



December 10, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to you today with renewed concern and urgency. President-Elect Donald Trump's stated plan is to execute all remaining prisoners on the federal death row. It is vital that you deny him that opportunity by commuting every death sentence remaining on federal and military death rows.

We are grateful that under your administration there have been no additional executions of federal prisoners. As you are aware, this abhorrent and outdated punishment raises profound concerns, including the arbitrariness of its application, its inherent racial bias, and the alarming rate of innocence among those sentenced to death.

The good news is that it is not too late to act decisively. We urge you to exhibit leadership to make federal executions impossible in the next administration by taking the following immediate actions:

- Immediately commute the sentences of those currently on federal and military death rows;
- Deauthorize all pending federal capital trial cases and establish guidelines prohibiting authorization of any new death penalty prosecutions during your administration;
- Rescind the lethal injection protocol; rescind the "Manner of Execution" regulation that took effect in December 2020; rescind internal DOJ guidelines on litigating death row cases that took effect in December 2020;
- Order the Federal Bureau of Prisons to demolish the federal execution chamber and the building in which it is housed at the Federal Correctional Institution at Terre Haute;

Ending the federal and military death penalty is not only an important step toward correcting myriad flaws in the criminal legal system in the United States, it is both good governance and a moral imperative. We will continue to work toward that goal. We and a burgeoning number of our partner organizations around the country and internationally stand ready to support you in your leadership toward a more just United States.

Thank you for your immediate action.

Sincerely,

Rev. Sharon Risher
Chair, Death Penalty Action
Daughter of Ethel Lance, whose killer is a prisoner on Federal
Death Row

Signing Organizations:

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Amnesty International Group 317, Indianapolis
Amnesty International UK - Anti-Death Penalty Project
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Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Congregation Environmental
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Center for Nonviolent Solutions
The Center for Victims of Torture
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 Death Penalty Action
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 Friends Shelter
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 Georgia Interfaith Public Policy Center
 Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty
 German Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (GCADP)
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 Green Party of Mississippi
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 Holy Family Parish Faith in Action
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 House of Hagar Catholic Worker (Wheeling, WV)
 Human Rights Dallas
 Human Rights Watch

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Keenan Dunham for President 2024
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Kentucky Committee to End Executions
Kentucky Innocence Project
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Legal Awareness Watch Pakistan
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Methodist Federation for Social Action
Methodist Federation for Social Action, Oregon-Idaho regional community
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NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF)
National Association of Social Workers
National Capital Crime Assistance Network
National Lawyers Guild, Detroit & Michigan Chapter
National Lawyers Guild - Midwest Region
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Network for Grateful Living
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Nevada Coalition Against the Death Penalty
New Energy Economy
New Hour
New Hampshire Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
New Wave Nigeria

Newark United Methodist Church - Delaware
NH Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
NoToExecution Campaign
North Alabama Peace Network
North Carolina Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (NCCADP)
North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence
North Carolina Council of Churches
Northampton Friends Meeting
Northern California Innocence Project
Notre Dame Sisters, Omaha Province
Nevada Coalition Against the Death Penalty
New Jersey Association on Correction
New Mexico Conference of Churches
The New York Catholic Worker
Notre Dame Sisters

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The Ohio Council of Churches
Ohio Innocence Project
Oklahoma Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
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Oregon CURE
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Pacifica Peace People
Pacifica Social Justice
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Poor Peoples Campaign
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Prison Policy Initiative
Prison to Prosperity Advocacy Movement
The Prison Show - KPFT 90.1 FM
Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty
The Promise of Justice Initiative

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Rehumanize International
The Release Aging People in Prison Campaign (RAPP)
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Rocky Mountain Innocence Center

Salvatorians

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San Jose Peace and Justice Center
Sansbury Care Center, Inc
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Saint Anne's Episcopal Church - Winston-Salem, NC
Saint Camillus Center for Spiritual Care
Saint Gabriel Peace and Justice
Saint James Catholic Church - Kansas City, KS
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Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
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Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa
Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
Sisters of Saint Francis and Therese Catholic Worker
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Sisters of the Holy Faith
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Uri L'Tzedek: The Orthodox Social Justice Movement
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