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The Ambassador

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The Honorable J. Kevin Stitt
Office of the Governor
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4801

Dear Governor Stitt,

I am writing to respectfully request that you grant clemency to Mr. Julius Jones, in line with the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board's recommendations to commute Mr. Jones' sentence and grant him clemency. If his sentence is not commuted, Mr. Jones is scheduled to be executed by the State of Oklahoma on November 18.


The concerns expressed by Board members, including Mr. Jones' lack of understanding of the consequences of his actions at age nineteen, fundamental questions about evidence, and the disparity between his and Mr. Christopher Jordan's sentences, underscore the importance of commuting Mr. Jones' sentence.

With this letter, I also wish to express my sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the victim, Mr. Paul Howell. I note that, while all Member States of the European Union have fully abolished the death penalty, we in Europe stand firmly by victims of violent crime and their families, and rigorously and effectively prosecute and punish such crimes within our territory without the use of capital punishment.

Taking the above considerations into account, we respectfully urge you to exercise all powers vested in your office to grant clemency to Mr. Julius Jones.

Mr. Governor, we greatly value the relationship between the State of Oklahoma and the European Union, from trade and investment to people-to-people, values, and countless other ties. I look forward to working closely with you in the near future to further strengthen these mutually beneficial and indispensable connections.

Respectfully yours,



Stavros Lambrinidis