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The Honorable John Kasich
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Subject: Commutation of the sentence of Mr Raymond Tibbetts

Dear Governor Kasich,

The European Union welcomes your decision, announced on July 20th, to commute the sentence of Mr. Raymond Tibbetts to life in prison without the possibility of parole. It is our position that the elimination of the death penalty is fundamental to the protection of human dignity.

We appreciate your recognition of the flaws in the sentencing phase of his trial, which had led the jury to sentence him to the death penalty.

We look forward to further the longstanding relationship between the European Union and the State of Ohio at the economic, political and cultural levels. The lively exchange between Ohio and all the Member States of the European Union is testimony to the strength of our ties.

Yours sincerely,

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