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Dear Governor,

The European Union has taken note of the fact that Mr. David Dawson is scheduled to be executed in the State of Montana on 11 August, 2006. Representing the European Union, Finland, as the current Presidency, together with Germany, the subsequent Presidency, and the European Commission, would like to make an urgent humanitarian appeal on behalf of Mr. Dawson.

As stated in the EU Guidelines on the Death Penalty, the European Union is opposed to the use of capital punishment in all cases and accordingly aims at its universal abolition, seeking a global moratorium on the death penalty as the first step.

The European Union appreciates that the State of Montana has upheld a *de facto* moratorium on executions for eight years. We regret that this moratorium will be broken with the planned execution of Mr. Dawson.

In light of recent developments and discussions on this issue, we would like to encourage you to consider the reintroduction of a moratorium in the State of Montana and to that end grant clemency to Mr. Dawson.

The European Union also respectfully urges you, Governor, to exercise all powers invested in your office to commute the sentence of Mr. Dawson.



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