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Chargé d'Affaires Angelos Pangratis
Ambassador for the Delegation
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Dear Mr. Pangratis:

Governor Ted Strickland thanks each of you for taking the time to express your views on Mr. Romell Broom's scheduled execution and the European Community position in regards to the Death Penalty.

Needless to say, Governor Strickland gives a great deal of consideration to the information received from advocates for and against the Death Penalty in each case. The decision is not an easy one, but in determining whether executive clemency is warranted, the Governor is guided by the facts of the particular cases, his oath of office, the law in the State of Ohio and his conscience.

Thank you again for writing to the Governor about this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Jose A. Torres
Deputy Legal Counsel

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