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Dear Board members,

On July 16, 2007, you decided to suspend the execution of Troy Davis in order to enable the examination of elements tending to prove his innocence.

At that time you stated that your Board "*would not authorize executions in the State of Georgia unless its members were convinced there was no doubt regarding the defendant's guilt*".

Troy Davis has now been on death now for over fifteen years, for a murder he has always denied committing. Material evidence against him has never been produced. The accusation's argument was based only on the statements of "witnesses", seven of whom have retracted their testimony.

As the Georgia Supreme Court has refused to give Troy Davis a hearing, these doubts have not been lifted.

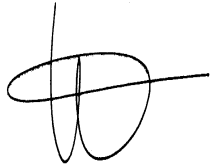
His case, which epitomizes everyone's dread regarding the possible execution of an innocent person, has raised interest and concern in Georgia, the United States and all over the world. Attention has been notably raised in Europe with the adoption by the European Parliament of a resolution on 10 July 2007, calling for Troy Davis to be granted a retrial in view of evidence which strongly indicates his innocence and thus appealing urgently to the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles to commute Troy Davis' death sentence.

Despite the large number of elements tending to prove his innocence, all the appeals lodged asking for these to be examined have been rejected on the basis of procedural reasons alone.

The power that you have to grant a pardon allows you to prevent an irreversible error.

I therefore appeal to the Parole and Pardon Board to commute Troy Davis' death sentence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'H' and 'F' intertwined.

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