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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: Please stay the execution of Glen Rogers and commute his sentence

Dear Governor DeSantis,

We write to ask you to grant a stay of the execution of Glen Rogers and to commute his sentence to a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

Mr. Rogers is guilty of grave violations of human life and dignity, having murdered Tina Marie Cribbs in Florida and Sandra Gallagher in California, and possibly others. These are terrible crimes, and we mourn the tragic deaths of the victims and pray for the repose of their souls. We lament the pain and suffering of their family and friends, and we hope for their comfort and healing.

It is indeed a duty of the state to protect the lives and safety of its citizens and to impose punishment for crimes. We recognize your responsibility in ensuring this duty is carried out. We nevertheless urge you to spare Mr. Roger's life. This request is based on the following considerations:

- Life imprisonment without the possibility of parole is a severe punishment which also serves to protect society from further danger from Mr. Rogers.
- The intrinsic dignity and unalienable rights of every human being are not annihilated by even gravely evil acts. Despite his grievous crimes, Mr. Rogers still deserves to be treated in accordance with that dignity.
- Life imprisonment has the added value to our society of permitting the repentance and conversion on the part of the guilty.
- Finally, Mr. Rogers is alleged to have been exposed to drugs and to have experienced forms of abuse at a young age. This would not change the heinous nature of his acts, but could diminish his culpability. Society should be protected from him; but the state need not kill him.

We urge you to spare Glen Roger's life. We appeal to you that it is possible both to achieve the purposes of punishment and to exercise mercy. We can entrust the final judgment of every individual to God. We pray for you, too, Governor, as you consider this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jason Weida, Esq., Chief of Staff, Executive Office of the Governor
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