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Dear Governor Stitt,

I write to you today with a heavy heart, deeply concerned for the life of Emmanuel Littlejohn, whose execution is scheduled for September 26th. As a pastor and a servant of the Lord, I have dedicated my life to guiding my community with the principles of justice and grace. It is with these principles in mind that I urge you to reconsider the decision to execute Mr. Littlejohn and to grant him clemency.

Emmanuel Littlejohn's case presents significant concerns that challenge the justness of the ultimate punishment. Since his conviction, new information has come to light, raising serious questions about the fairness of his trial and the adequacy of his legal representation. As someone who has seen firsthand the transformative power of grace and forgiveness, I ask that you consider the possibility of redemption in Mr. Littlejohn's life.

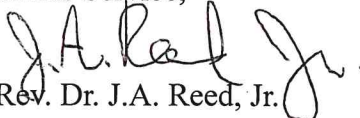
Our justice system is founded on the belief that every person is entitled to a fair trial and that punishment should be just and proportionate. In this case, the application of the death penalty seems particularly harsh, given the circumstances of the crime and the subsequent revelations about Mr. Littlejohn's trial. Furthermore, Mr. Littlejohn's deep remorse and his efforts to seek forgiveness should not be overlooked.

Governor Stitt, I do not write to you lightly, nor do I seek to diminish the pain that has been caused by Mr. Littlejohn's actions. Rather, I ask you to consider the full measure of justice, and to weigh the potential for transformation against the finality of execution.

I respectfully ask that you use your authority to commute Emmanuel Littlejohn's death sentence. In doing so, you would affirm the values of justice and mercy that are so integral to our society and our faith.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this deeply important matter. I pray for wisdom and discernment as you make your decision.

In His Service,

  
Rev. Dr. J.A. Reed, Jr.