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Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing to express my most sincere opposition to the death penalty. I know that in your state of South Carolina, there are 50 people currently on death row, including 28 Blacks, 21 Whites, 1 Latino, 0 Asian, and 0 women.

Between 1977-2013 (35 years), 43 men and women have been executed by your state: Joseph Carl Shaw (85), James Terry Roach (86), Ronald R. Woomer (90), Donald Gaskins (91), Syvester Adams (95), Robert South (96), Fred Kornahrens (96), Michael Torrence (96), Larry Gene Bell (96), Doyle Cecil Lucas (96), Frank Middleton (96), Michael Elkins (97), Earl Matthews, Jr. (97), John Arnold (98), John Plath (98), Sammy Roberts (98), Larry Gilbert (98), J.D. Gleaton (98), Louis Truesdale (98), Andy Smith (98), Ronnie Howard (99), Joseph Ernest Atkins (99), Leroy Joseph Drayton (99), David Rocheville (99), Kevin Dean Young (00), Richard Johnson (02), Anthony Green (02), Michael Passaro (02), David Clayton Hill (04), Jerry McWee (04), Jason Byram (04), James Tucker (04), Richard Longworth (05), Arthur Hastings Wise (05), Shawn Humphries (05), William Earl Downs (06), Calvin Shuler (07), David Hill (08), James Reed (08), Joseph Gardner (08), Luke Williams, III (09), Thomas Treshawn Ivy (09), Jeffrey Brian Motts (11). Some of these refused their right to an appeal. Among these were individuals who were minors at the time of their arrest.

The number of these people is just under 4% of the national total (1356). Since 1973, 2 people have been exonerated on death row in South Carolina - cleared of any wrongdoing despite a conviction. Your state ranks 15th in the total number of death row inmates in the U.S. It is not a proud statistic. Fortunately, the overall general trend seems to be an decrease in executions, consistent with the national trend. These statistics shows that once a culture becomes tolerant of killing, that this culture can be reversed with good direction.

Among states with large death row populations, there are a few states (FL, IN, KY, AZ, OR, ID) that execute a much lower percentage of Blacks than Whites, consistent with relative population demographics. This fact demonstrates that race need not be associated with confinement to death. Southern states execute much more often (1164) than Northeastern states (4) or Western states (85). Although the South has also traditionally been associated with slavery and gun rights, it may be that both of these associations are reflections of a historic belief that some lives are more important than others. This may in turn be reflected in the relatively high execution rates.

I urge you to use this week to reconsider your position according to your conscience and do what you can to fight the death penalty in your jurisdiction, which seems horrific by lethal injection or electrocution. Justice is not a balance: it is a daily struggle to do the best that one can with what one has been given. Without living another person's life, it is hard to judge someone to the point where a life should be taken in the absence of immediate threat or danger. Please find attached the list of inmates currently on death row in South Carolina.

I believe that we are all better off as a society if we treat every human being as capable of change and living up to G_d's faith in their potential.

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Bains



124.	OVERBY, LAMONT (B)	161.	SIMPSON, RASHEEN L. (B)
125.	[OVERBY, MICHAEL (B)]	162.	SINGLEY, MICHAEL (W)
126.	PADDY, DONYELL (B)	163.	SMALL, JOHN AMOS (W)
127.	PADILLA, MIGUEL (L)	164.	SMITH, CHRISTOPHER (B)
128.	PARRISH, MICHAEL (W)	165.	SMITH, WAYNE (B)
129.	PATTERSON, MAURICE (B)	166.	SMYRNES, RICKY (W)
130.	[PELZER, KEVIN (B)]	167.	[SOLANO, RAYMOND (L)]
131.	PEREZ, ALBERT (L)	168.	SPEIGHT, MELVIN (B)
132.	PHILISTEN, BORTELLA (B)	169.	SPOTZ, MARK NEWTON (W)
133.	PIERCE, MICHAEL (W)	170.	STATON, ANDRE (B)
134.	POPLAWSKI, RICHARD (W)	171.	[STEELE, ROLAND (B)]
135.	[PORTER, ERNEST (B)]	172.	STOKES, RALPH (B)
136.	POWELL, GREGORY (B)	173.	STOLLAR, PATRICK JASON (W)
137.	PRUITT, MICHAEL (B)	174.	TAYLOR, PAUL (B)
138.	PUKSAR, RONALD F. (W)	175.	TAYLOR, RONALD (B)
139.	RAGAN, DERRICK (B)	176.	TEDFORD, DONALD (W)
140.	[RAJNEY, MICHAEL (B)]	177.	THARP, MICHELLE SUE ^ (W)
141.	RAMTAHAL, DAVID R. (B)	178.	[THOMAS, BRIAN (B)]
142.	RANDOLPH, IV, SAMUEL B. (B)	179.	THOMAS, DONTE (B)
143.	REED, DENNIS (B)	180.	TOWLES, JAKEEM LYDELL (B)
144.	REGA, ROBERT (W)	181.	TRAVAGLIA, MICHAEL (W)
145.	REID, ALBERT E. (B)	182.	TREIBER, STEPHEN (W)
146.	REID, ANTHONY (B)	183.	UDERRA, JOSE (L)
147.	RIVERA, CLETUS (B)	184.	VANDIVNER, JAMES W. (W)
148.	RIVERA, WILLIAM (L)	185.	WALTER, SHONDA ^ (B)
149.	ROBINSON, ANTYANE (B)	186.	WASHINGTON, ANTHONY (B)
150.	ROBINSON, HARVEY (W)	187.	WATKINS, GERALD (B)
151.	ROMERO, EDWIN R. (L)	188.	WATSON, HERBERT (B)
152.	RONEY, CHRISTOPHER (B)	189.	[WEISS, RONALD LEE (W)]
153.	RUSH, LARRY (B)	190.	WHARTON, ROBERT (B)
	(AKA THOMAS, LEROY)	191.	WHITE, DERRICK (B)
154.	SAM, THAVIRAK (A)	192.	WHOLAVER, JR., ERNEST (W)
155.	SANCHEZ, ABRAHAM (L)	193.	WILLIAMS, CHRISTOPHER (B)
156.	SANCHEZ, ALFONSO (L)	194.	WILLIAMS, JAMES T. (B)
157.	[SARANCHAK, DANIEL (W)]	195.	WILLIAMS, ROY L. (B)
158.	[SATTAZAHN, DAVID ALLEN (W)]	196.	[WILLIAMS, TERRANCE (B)]
159.	SEPULVEDA, MANUEL M. (L)	197.	WRIGHT, WILLIAM (W)
160.	SHERWOOD, BRENTT (W)		

SOUTH CAROLINA (Lethal Injection or Choice of Electrocution If Sentenced After 6/8/95; Electrocution or Choice of Lethal Injection If Sentenced Before 6/8/95)

B = 28	W = 21	L = 1	N = 0	A = 0	Total = 50
					U = 0

1.	ALEKSEY, BAYAN (W)	24.	LINDSEY, MARION (W)
2.	ALLEN, QUINCY (B)	25.	MAHDI, MIKAL D. (B)
3.	BARNES, STEVEN (B)	26.	[MERCER, KEVIN JERMAINE (B)]
4.	BELL, WILLIAM H. (B)	27.	MOORE, RICHARD BERNARD (B)
5.	BENNETT, JOHNNY (B)	28.	NORTHCUTT, CLINTON ROBERT (W)
6.	[BINNEY, JONATHAN KYLE (W)]	29.	OWENS, FREDDIE (B)
7.	BIXBY, STEVEN VERNON (W)	30.	ROBERTS, TYRENE ALFONZO (B)
8.	BOWMAN, JR., MARION (B)		(AKA ALKEBULANYAHH, ABDIYAAH BEN)
9.	BRYANT, JAMES NATHANIEL (B)	31.	ROBERTSON, JAMES (W)
10.	BRYANT, STEPHEN C. (W)	32.	[ROGERS, TIMOTHY D. (B)]
11.	[COTTRELL, LUZENSKI ALLEN (B)]	33.	[SAPP, JESSE WAYLON (W)]
12.	[COUNCIL, DONEY (B)]	34.	SIGMON, BRAD KEITH (W)
13.	DICKERSON, JR., WILLIAM (B)	35.	SIMMONS, KENNETH (B)
14.	[EVANS, KAMELL DELSHAWN (B)]	36.	SIMS, MITCHELL (W)
15.	EVINS, FREDRICK (B)	37.	SINGLETON, FRED (B)
16.	FINKLEA, RON (B)	38.	STANKO, STEPHEN (W)
17.	[HASELDON, JEFFREY (W)]	39.	STARNES, NORMAN (W)
18.	[HUGGINS, TITUS (B)]	40.	STOKES, SAMMIE LOUIS (B)
19.	HUGHES, MAR-REECE (B)	41.	STONE, BOBBY WAYNE (W)
20.	[HUGHEY, JOHN (B)]	42.	TERRY, GARY (W)
21.	INMAN, JERRY "BUCK" (W)	43.	TORRES, ANDRES ANTONIO (L)
22.	JONES, DONALD ALLEN (B)	44.	[VASQUEZ, ANGEL JOE PIERRE (B)]
23.	JUSTUS, KENNETH H. (W)	45.	WEIK, JOHN EDWARD (W)

46. WILLIAMS, CHARLES CHRISTOPHER (B)
 47. WILSON, JAMES (W)
 48. [WINKLER, LOUIS MICHAEL (W)]

49. WOOD, JOHN RICHARD (W)
 50. WOODS, ANTHONY (B)

SOUTH DAKOTA (Lethal Injection)**B = 0****W = 3****L = 0****N = 0****A = 0****Total = 3****U = 0**

1. BERGET, RODNEY (W)
 2. PIPER, BRILEY (W)

3. RHINES, CHARLES (W)

TENNESSEE (Lethal Injection or Choice of Electrocution If Sentenced Before 1/1/99) **Total = 81****B = 36****W = 40****L = 1****N = 2****A = 2****U = 0****Females = 1 (W)**

1. ABDUR'RAHMAN, ABU-ALI (B)
 2. BANE, JOHN M. (W)
 3. BELL, RICKEY (B)
 4. [BERRY, G'DONGALAY PARLO (B)]
 5. BESH, DEELICHO (N)
 (FKA STROUTH, DONALD)
 6. BLACK, BYRON (B)
 7. BLAND, ANDRE (B)
 8. BURNS, KEVIN (B)
 9. CARRUTHERS, TONY (B)
 10. [CARUTHERS, WALTER (B)]
 11. CAUTHERN, RONNIE (W)
 12. CHALMERS, TYRONE (B)
 13. [COLE, DETRICK (B)]
 14. CONE, GARY (W)
 15. DAVIDSON, JERRY (W)
 16. DAVIDSON, LEMARICUS (B)
 17. [DAVIS, CHRISTOPHER (B)]
 18. DELLINGER, JAMES ANDERSON (W)
 19. DOTSON, JESSIE (B)
 20. DUNCAN, DAVID (B)
 21. FAULKNER, ROBERT (B)
 22. FREELAND, JOHN (B)
 23. HALL, BILLY (W)
 24. HALL, JON (W)
 25. HALL, LEROY (W)
 26. HENDERSON, KENNATH (B)
 27. HENRETTA, JOHN PATRICK (W)
 28. HINES, ANTHONY DARRELL (W)
 29. HODGES, HENRY (W)
 30. HOWELL, MICHAEL W. (N)
 31. HUGUELY, STEPHEN LYNN (W)
 32. HUTCHINSON, OLEN EDDIE (W)
 33. IRICK, BILLY R. (W)
 34. IVY, DAVID (B)
 35. JAH, AKIL (B) (FKA CARTER, PRESTON)
 36. JOHNSON, DONNIE E. (W)
 37. JOHNSON, NIKOLAUS (B)
 38. JONES, HENRY LEE (B)
 39. JORDAN, DAVID LYNN (W)
 40. KEEN, DAVID (W)
 41. KEOUGH, ROY (W)

42. KING, TERRY (W)
 43. KISER, MARLAN (W)
 44. MCKAY, LARRY (B)
 45. MCNISH, DAVID (W)
 46. MIDDLEBROOKS, DONALD (W)
 47. MILLER, DAVID (W)
 48. [MORRIS, FARRIS (B)]
 49. [NESBIT, CLARENCE (B)]
 50. NICHOLS, HAROLD (W)
 51. ODOM, RICHARD (W)
 52. PAYNE, PERVIS (B)
 53. PIKE, CHRISTA ^ (W)
 54. PORTERFIELD, SIDNEY (B)
 55. POWERS, GERALD LEE (A)
 56. PRUITT, CORINIO (B)
 57. QUINTERO, DERRICK (L)
 58. REID, PAUL DENNIS (W)
 59. RICE, CHARLES (B)
 60. [RIMMER, MICHAEL (W)]
 61. ROBINSON, GREGORY (B)
 62. ROGERS, WILLIAM GLENN (W)
 63. SAMPLE, MICHAEL (B)
 64. SCHMEIDERER, JOEL (W)
 65. SIMS, VINCENT (B)
 66. SMITH, OSCAR F. (W)
 67. STEPHENSON, JONATHAN (W)
 68. STEVENS, WILLIAM (W)
 69. [STOUT, JAMES (B)]
 70. SUTTLES, DENNIS WADE (W)
 71. SUTTON, GARY (W)
 72. SUTTON, NICHOLAS (W)
 73. THOMAS, ANDREW (B)
 74. THOMAS, JAMES WILLIAM (B)
 (AKA HAWKINS, JAMES)
 75. THOMPSON, GREGORY (B)
 76. TRAN, HECK VAN (A)
 77. WEST, STEVEN (W)
 78. WILLIS, HOWARD HAWK (W)
 79. WRIGHT, CHARLES (B)
 80. YOUNG, LEONARD (W)
 81. ZAGORSKI, EDMUND (W)