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Dear Governor Scott,

We write to you as individuals, the friends and relatives of Michael Lambrix, who have already respectfully submitted letters to the Florida Commission on Offender Review and are now asking for a special clemency hearing in front of the full clemency board.

We are all law-abiding citizens from all walks of life, from the US, Britain, Australia, France, and the Netherlands. All of us are concerned about the fate of Michael Lambrix, who has been on Death Row for 33 years and is therefore one of the longest serving death row prisoners in the whole of the US. He is currently facing execution on February 11th – in less than a month.

Mike was 22 when he was convicted of murdering a young man and woman who were at his home, with Mike's then girlfriend, having a meal together, after spending the evening at a local bar. Mike has always maintained that he killed the man, Clarence Moore, in self-defence as he tried to rescue the woman, Aleisha Bryant from a violent assault from her boyfriend. Clarence Moore had a history of violence against women – which Mike did not.

We strongly feel that the compelling evidence in support of the commutation of his sentence still requires consideration. We are saddened that our pleas have not been heard and, Governor Scott, our hope as we say is that a unique special clemency hearing for Mike Lambrix be arranged in front of the full clemency board.

We think we are in a very good position to shed a unique light on his personality and his character in a way no one else can. Expressing our thoughts in a simple clemency letter was a daunting exercise last year and perhaps our letters have not been comprehensive enough: How could we possibly translate decades of friendship, thousands of letters, months of visits in just a few lines? But between us we have a huge amount of knowledge of Mike and his situation.

Two trials (including one which resulted in a hung jury), and over 30 years of litigation prove just what an exceptionally difficult case this is. If Mike Lambrix had accepted the two plea deals he was proposed on separate occasions, he would not be facing execution today. He refused these plea deals because he has always maintained he acted in self-defence. Why now execute a man when the State itself was ready not to seek the death penalty?

Governor Scott, please allow our voices and Mike's voice to be heard. You are in the unique position to grant a hearing for clemency, which, we understand, places an enormous legal and moral responsibility upon your shoulders, not only in respect to justice, but also in respect to each of us, friends or family members, who will have to bear the loss of this execution for the rest of our lives.

You are clearly a man of integrity and faith – with a strong interest in law – and so we hope and pray that you will want to do what must be the right thing in these circumstances – simply to allow a condemned man the chance to speak and to hear from his friends and family who have never been heard in a court of law.

Many of us who do not live in the US enjoy visiting Florida – not only to see Mike of course but also on business and for pleasure. Both Britain and France have their own special relationships with your country.

There is so much killing and fear already in the world – we hope that you will be able to rise above any political pressure you might be under and end the fear of this loving American family and all their friends and supporters that an American war veteran who tried to prevent a woman being killed, be executed himself by the state.

Please hear our prayers and allow a special clemency hearing for Mike Lambrix in front of the full clemency board.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

The friends and relatives of Michael Lambrix