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Dear Chairperson Hunt:

I am writing to ask you for clemency for Mr. Troy Davis, a Georgia death row prisoner. Mr. Davis is nearing the end of his appeals and his case may come to you in the near future. Circumstances in his case give great cause for reflection.

I want to express my deep sympathy to the family and friends of Officer Mark Allen McPhail. The perpetrator of this crime needs to be punished through incarceration. The State of Georgia has every right to carry out their obligations in this regard.

However, in the case of Troy Davis, the evidence presented is not clear and compelling and leaves room for reasonable doubt. It appears that in fact Mr. Davis may be innocent. Executing Mr. Davis could be an irrevocable error and a wrongful death. Over 100 people in the US, six of whom are in Georgia, have been wrongly convicted of murder. It is in the best interests of all of us that the circumstances surrounding this case be heard in order to prevent the execution of an innocent man. All of life is sacred and the human dignity of each person must be upheld.

In your deliberations, please consider the information and evidence in this case. Your role is a critical safeguard in protecting Mr. Davis from wrongful death. Please grant clemency for Mr. Troy Davis.

Sincerely Yours,

Bishop Kevin J. Boland
Bishop of Savannah