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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about execution. Killing prisoners has always sounded tough but has never reduced crime and has frequently been misapplied. You have advocated for state sponsored murder for decades starting with an ad advocating for the execution of the central park five who after being terrorized by the courts for years were eventually exonerated. More recently you have praised the arbitrary executions in the Philippines under Duterte and in China under Xi. You have attacked Governor Newsom for reducing executions in California even as the newly less competent supreme court has flailed about issuing contradictory rulings and arbitrary death warrants. You have even suggested executing political opponents for treason which only highlights the fact that with your criminal history, in ending the death penalty the life you save could be your own.

*Please assure me that you will end the death penalty.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our fair courts.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson