

January \_\_, 2006

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
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RE: Clemency for Mr. Clarence Ray Allen

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

As a person who supports disability rights, I am writing to support Mr. Clarence Ray Allen, a Native American (Choctaw) elder with disabilities, who is scheduled to be executed on January 17, 2006. I am asking you, Governor, to support Mr. Allen's clemency petition for the following reasons:

Prison is a disabling institution for everyone. It has a profound, negative impact on the physical, mental and spiritual health of every person who is incarcerated.

Clarence Ray Allen became disabled because of prison, due to the lack of appropriate health care for his diabetes. As a result, Mr. Allen is now legally blind and relies on a wheelchair because of lack of care and poor care.

People with disabilities in our society are devalued, and our lives are viewed as even more expendable than others when we are imprisoned. Because of this, I am concerned that Mr. Allen's humanity is not fully appreciated and respected.

As a person who is committed to disability rights, I recognize the large numbers of people with disabilities in prison and on death row as a part of a community deserving recognition and support.

As a person committed to human rights, I recognize the confluence of racism and disability oppression in the specific situation of Clarence Ray Allen.

I urge you, Mr. Governor, to support Mr. Allen's petition for clemency. I oppose the death penalty, and urge you to declare a moratorium on executions in this State.

Sincerely,