



Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation

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Hon. Governor Schwarzenegger
C/O Office of Legal Affairs
Attn: Andrea Hoch
State Capitol Bldg.
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Clarence Ray Allen

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

On behalf of the California Network of Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation, I am writing to express our despair that California would consider executing a 75-year-old blind man in a wheel chair. What is most disturbing for us is when it is said that executions are for the murder victims' families.

That is not true for many families of victims. Besides the fact that not all murderers get the death penalty—due to inconsistent application of the our judicial system--not all family members of murder victims believe that taking another life is a way to alleviate our suffering.

Murder Victims' Family Members' for Reconciliation (MVFR) is a national organization of people who have lost a family member to murder or state execution and oppose the death penalty in all cases. We believe the way to honor a lost loved one is to work for the prevention of violence, not by killing another human being.

We ask you to consider clemency for Clarence Ray Allen. Killing him after over 20 years on death row and as sick as he is, can only be seen as an act of pure revenge. Vengeance for whom? Not for all family members of murder victims—only for a few citizens. That is not the role of an enlightened, democratic society.

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