

**Statement by Bill Babbitt, on behalf of the Babbitt Family  
In Support of Clemency for Clarence Ray Allen**

My brother, Manny Babbitt, a decorated Vietnam Veteran who suffered from mental illness, was executed on May 4, 1999, the day after his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. On the very day she should have been celebrating his birth, our mother stood outside the gates of San Quentin Prison in the freezing cold bearing witnesses as the state of California killed her son. Our entire family continues to grieve for Manny.

Now, Clarence Ray Allen, an elderly Native American in extremely poor health, is scheduled to be executed on January 17<sup>th</sup>, the day after his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ray Allen and Manny became close friends on death row and his scheduled execution grieves our family.

Ray Allen was like a brother to Manny. He promised our mother that he would care for Manny and so he did. We know him to be a gentle old man. We join former San Quentin Warden Daniel Vazquez and former California Supreme Court Justice Joseph Grodin in asking the Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to allow this old and infirm man to quietly live out his few remaining days.

Bill Babbitt

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