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The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
Texas State Capitol
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RE: Henry W. Skinner

Dear Governor Perry:

As you are aware, Mr. Henry Skinner is scheduled to be executed shortly after 6:00 p.m. on March 24.

I urge you to grant a 30-day reprieve in Mr. Skinner's case, because serious questions exist about the integrity of his conviction and sentence. Post-conviction DNA testing of evidence could help resolve these questions.

Texas is scarred by too many wrongful convictions, but the Legislature has taken the lead in authorizing reparations and other reforms to improve the administration of capital punishment.

Governor, I believe we have time to answer questions in Mr. Skinner's case. We should take that opportunity to have moral certainty that justice is achieved in the case. Taking the time to conduct post-conviction DNA demonstrates our commitment to justice.

I respectfully request that you issue a 30-day reprieve in Henry Skinner's case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elliott Naishtat", written over a horizontal line.

Elliott Naishtat

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