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RE: ANDRADE, Richard - #774

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Thank you for your letter to Governor White on behalf of Richard Andrade's parents. I have been asked to respond.

A commutation of sentence first must be recommended to the Governor by the Board of Pardons and Paroles before he can take executive action. The Board will generally review a case for a commutation only upon the unsolicited recommendations of at least two of the three trial officials (sheriff, district attorney and judge) from the court of conviction. No such recommendation has been made on Richard Andrade's behalf at this time.

Prior to an inmate's execution date, Governor White carefully reviews the case to determine whether any of the facts of the case raise issues that would lead him to delay further the imposition of the State's lawful judgment. I can assure you that Richard Andrade's case will be thoroughly considered by the Governor.

Governor White believes that the death penalty is the proper sentence for the most severe and heinous crimes committed by people in Texas. Capital punishment is a legal sentence in Texas, and Governor White supports this law. The Governor will, however, continue to review all execution cases on an individual basis to ensure that the death penalty is exercised with great care.

We appreciate that this is a matter of great concern for Richard Andrade's parents, and we thank you for writing to share your views on this difficult issue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara J. Williams".

Barbara J Williams
Assistant General Counsel

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