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Dear President,

I am writing to you with the request to pardon **Chiou Ho-shun** after 31 years on death row.

He was convicted and sentenced to death in 1989 in relation to murder and kidnapping. According to Chiou Ho-shun himself and years of investigations from different parties, he was tortured and ill-treated during detention and police interrogation. At the time, the prosecutors used the “confessions” obtained through torture as evidence to prove guilt. No material evidence linking Chiou Ho-shun to the crimes has ever been presented in court. Later, the key evidence against him even went missing. Because of problems with earlier trials, the Supreme Court ordered the case to be retried 11 times. However, it affirmed Chiou Ho-shun's death sentence in 2011. With all judicial remedies nearly exhausted because of the time passing, he is still waiting in prison for his case to be overturned.

I oppose the death penalty, cruel and inhuman treatments and unfair trials in all cases. The legal system and the government should protect people's dignity and personal safety at all costs.

In light of the above, I respectfully call on you to ensure that Chiou Ho-shun is granted pardon and to let him go home after all those years in despair.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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