

November 6, 2019

Gov. Kevin Stitt 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd, Room 212 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Re: Clemency petition for Julius D. Jones, DOC #270147 OSP

Dear Gov. Stitt:

The Oklahoma Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty supports the clemency petition of Julius Jones. We hope that you will grant his petition and commute his sentence to time served.

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The Coalition encourages you to show mercy to Julius. He was incarcerated shortly after his 19th birthday and has served 20 years in prison, much of that time in solitary confinement. He feels as if his life stopped at age 19. Julius still has much to offer. It would be a tragedy to end his life or force him to spend the rest of his life in prison. I am inspired by Julius. He has a strong spirit and an inquisitive mind. He does not express bitterness or self-pity. He is still hopeful that he will be released and will be able to resume his life. We hope you will make that possible.

Much peace,

Rev. Don Heath, Chair

Oklahoma Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

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Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board 2915 N Classen Blvd, Room 405 Oklahoma City, OK 73106

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