

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear President Trump:

Lisa Montgomery is scheduled to be executed on December 8, 2020. As current and former state and federal prosecutors, we respectfully request that you grant clemency to Lisa and commute her sentence to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Although Lisa committed terrible crimes, her lifetime of extreme suffering and abuse weighs heavily in favor of clemency. You alone have the power to grant her mercy and spare her life, and we urge you to do so.

Lisa's experiences as a victim of horrific sexual violence, physical abuse, and being trafficked as a child do not excuse her crime. But her history provides us with an important explanation that would influence any sentencing recommendation we made as prosecutors. Our experience prosecuting human traffickers and those who commit sex crimes against children has given us a unique understanding of the profound physical and psychological harm that victims like Lisa suffer. In this case, mental health professionals have concluded that the sexual violence and cruelty she suffered was directly related to the crime she committed. They have also diagnosed Lisa with organic brain damage and serious mental illness that requires her to be heavily medicated at all times.

A history of being victimized is not an "abuse excuse" as the jury was told at her trial. We view this kind of evidence as critically relevant to determining the appropriate punishment for a serious crime.

We are keenly aware of the difficult decision you must make. You have the challenge of balancing victims' and defendants' rights, respecting the will of the people expressed through a jury verdict, ensuring that the public will be safe from future harm, and promoting just punishment. In Lisa's case, however, we believe that all of these goals align in favor of clemency and a sentence of life without parole.

Lisa has taken full responsibility for her actions and expressed profound remorse for her crime. We are persuaded that in light of all these factors, granting Lisa clemency will not only serve the interests of justice, it will further them. We have confidence that you will reach a similar conclusion.

Sincerely,

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