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President Barack Obama
The White House
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Dear President Obama,

I feel your legacy needs to be one showing you are a true champion of Human Rights, a man that listens to the people, a man that promotes healing of America and American's first people. You have an opportunity now to do what has not been done to right a wrong in the case of Leonard Peltier.

Leonard Peltier is currently incarcerated in the Maximum Security facility at Coleman Florida. He is 72 years old, has served over 40 years in prison (5 of those years in solitary confinement); he is in poor health and is a threat to no one. He was recently diagnosed with a potentially fatal abdominal aortic aneurysm, which the prison has no capacity to treat and is "watching." Mr. Peltier has outlived the Bureau of Prison's actuarial predictions for life in federal prison and is next eligible for parole in 2024.

I respectfully submit that when the investigation and prosecution of Leonard Peltier is viewed through today's lens with the benefit of hindsight, a picture emerges of intolerance, prejudice, lack of accountability and a disregard for the civil rights of a marginalized Native American community.

Addressing the Turkish Parliament in 2009 you said: "Our country still struggles with the legacies of slavery and... the past treatment of Native Americans.... History is often tragic, but unresolved, it can be a heavy weight.... [Reckoning with the past can help us seize a better future." The Clemency Petition presents you with a profound opportunity to "reckon with the past." As the President of NCAI recently wrote: "Mr. Peltier's ongoing incarceration remains a powerful symbol of the federal government's unfair treatment of its Indigenous Peoples. Granting Executive Clemency to Leonard Peltier [will send] a statement to the world that going forward America will not sanction [those injustices]."

I urge you to please look deep into your heart and let your conscious guide you in this historic case. Let your legacy be that of greatness through healing and reconciliation. Please grant Leonard Peltier Executive Clemency.

Yours faithfully



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