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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
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Dear President Obama,

I am writing to ask that you use your power to grant Executive Clemency to Native American Leonard Peltier. You are quite familiar with his case, I am sure. Though at his trial in Fargo, North Dakota, he was found guilty of the killing of two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1975, there are many reasons to question that verdict. At a minimum it is clear that he did not receive justice either before or during the trial. I was present on the reservation before the shooting, in its aftermath during the FBI's investigation, and at his trial. The climate of terror on the reservation prior to the shooting, strong arm tactics by the FBI during their investigation, false testimony, and questionable evidence before and during the trial all precluded the due process and fairness on which our justice system prides itself.

Two other men, Dino Butler and Robert Robideau, under circumstances identical to those of Leonard Peltier, were accused of the shooting, tried in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in a more objective atmosphere, and found innocent. I testified at that trial.

Many notable people in the judicial and legal systems, Members of Congress, and informed people across our nation and abroad have expressed their dismay at what has happened. Peltier's imprisonment has been a rallying cry for his people and for many others who work for justice. Countless demonstrations, news articles, media presentations and private expressions of concern have protested his treatment. Now Peltier is an aging and sick man who has spent nearly 40 years in prison. He has long been eligible for parole, which I am informed is denied him because he continues to refute his guilt. His next full parole hearing will not be held until 2024.

In light of all of these factors, I join the many others in requesting that in these last days of your presidency you grant Leonard Peltier clemency to demonstrate that we are compassionate people who seek justice for all.

Respectfully,



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