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November 3, 2015

**The President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500 USA**

Re: 2015 Clemency Petition of Leonard Peltier
--submitted c/o Martin Garbus, Esq., counsel for Petitioner

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to state our support for the clemency petition of Leonard Peltier, who has served almost forty years in prison for the murders of FBI Special Agents Jack Coler and Ronald Williams on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in July of 1975. We recognize that Leonard Peltier was convicted of a serious crime and we extend our deepest sympathies to the families of Special Agents Jack Coler and Ronald Williams.

We respectfully submit that Mr Peltier's petition should be evaluated in the historic context of the environment, culture and dangers on the Pine Ridge Reservation during the 1970s, and the government's actions throughout the course of the investigation and prosecution (which have been criticized by courts and humanitarians around the world). After a careful evaluation of the history of the case, we share Amnesty International's concern that political factors may have influenced the way in which the case was handled.

The laws of the United States of America are designed to apply equally to the rich and the poor, the innocent and the guilty, public officials, murders and American Indians. Countless scholars, humanitarians and judges have criticized the government's actions in seeking the conviction, and yet, to this day the government has not acknowledged any wrongdoing, a position that keeps the Peltier case surrounded by controversy.

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We respectfully ask you to consider the petition in light of all of the circumstances and to make a determination in the interests of justice, healing and reconciliation, that in this case -- notwithstanding its significance -- after serving 40 years in jail, justice has been served and that Leonard Peltier should be released.

Sincerely,

Mairead Maguire, Ireland (1976)

Adolfo Perez Esquivel, Argentina (1980)

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South Africa (1984)

Rigoberta Menchú Tum, Guatemala (1992)

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Tawakkol Karman, Yemen (2011)

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