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To Whom it may concern:

Re: Richard A. Hewitt 23081

Reason for a stay on his execution.

Rick has had a hard life. Beginning his life, he was one month premature, was in an incubator for two weeks. Day Old had disease, he would get worse than other children. At around 7 years, on a family sliding hill he struck a board coming down, and split his forehead wide open, over a deep stitelo. Dr. J. High he contracted mono, was bed ridden, quarantined for 6 weeks. One week after his 15th birthday cleaning at a potato warehouse, he got his arm mangled in a cull belt. Mrs said he would have a lifeless hand hanging. He worked at it and overcame a week stay in a full Sub City hospital. He saved his <sup>own</sup> arm!

A tremendous amount of trauma through his life. Rick was a young child. Had more dexterity in a finger than most have in their whole bodies. He was active, but nothing I figured was out of the ordinary. He was a hard worker, liked people, people liked him. He was sometimes good, sometimes bad. I never would have imagined him being convicted of this crime!

Since being paroled Rick has made many friends and respect from guards and inmates alike. He especially likes it when he is allowed to have a job. He is fantastic with art work and poetry. He is very religious

on the inside. He knows his bill inside and out.

While Rick was growing up, family was what life was. We did everything as a family. Rick was passionate about his responsibility towards his siblings and us. He was a good brother, son and friend. Always helping others. Not a perfect person, normal arguments, but nothing physical.

The family through all of this tragedy have stood with Rick; he is family. We visit him as often as we can. Talk with him many times a month. We love Rick, miss him, need him. Since his incarceration, he has always tried to impress on his siblings and sons the right way to go.

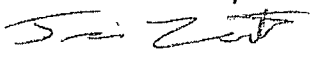
Please !!! no execution

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To whom it may concern

My dad has tried to be as good of a positive influence as possible. He has given me advice on who to stay away from to avoid ~~in~~ trouble both inside and outside of prison even though I did not take heed of his warnings about these troublesome groups of individuals. He has also given other people advice and helped out others as much as he could. I have ~~met~~ met many of these people in my time in prison. He has drawn me pictures and painted things for me since I have been small to show me that you can have fun and be artistic instead of getting in trouble. I have been trying to build a relationship with my dad over the past few years, which hasn't been really easy, but we have still been working on it. I would ask that you please give my dad clemency and not put him to death, and to give us the time to build a closer relationship, and to give us a chance to live through each others life experiences. Also I know

that people make mistakes and that people change. I do not know what kind of person my dad used to be, I only know what kind of person he is. I know he is caring and helpful and one of the most selfless people I know, and I think that he deserves the opportunity to live and see his sons live, and he also deserves the opportunity to see his sons have grandchildren. I ask you one more time for the opportunity to let me have a closer relationship with my dad, and to please grant him clemency. Thank you for your time and consideration in this very important and life changing and perhaps life-ending decision.

Sincerely,  
  
Travis Leavitt

How do I write a letter to save  
my mother from death, I don't know.

Growing up we lived 4 boys  
one girl and always a house full of  
other kids, my mom baby sat upto 40  
kids a day 5 days a week, which seemed  
like fun now. Rick was a high strung kid  
in to day world he would have been  
designated as ADHD but that didn't happen,  
he was, as maybe all of us, looking for attention,  
always trying to win, doing the most, sometimes  
stupid things, but he always got Mom & Dad's  
attention. But he was also always the  
first to help anyone that needed help, receiving  
When I was 17 I was buried from the knees  
down, because of my carelessness, but he was  
at my side the whole rite, sleeping on the floor  
next to me, if I needed anything or nothing  
he was there, even in the hospital for the  
next two weeks. He was always helping  
people move, getting them un stuck, going  
to get them if their car broke down, he always  
was the first to be there. He was always  
trying to help someone. I guess that's what  
got him where he is today just trying  
to help.

She now had no faith in the system  
but you hear of innocent people being freed  
for being wrongfully accused of a crime  
they didn't do. I know and feel in my  
heart that my brother did not do this.

My brother has painted pictures  
beautiful pictures of birds, eagles sailing  
firemen holding up the American flag  
after 9/11, he writes poetry, I've never  
seen anything "dark" in his art.

This crime that his accusation  
of was done by a very disturbed, dark  
prisoner, who maybe was so out of  
it she didn't know what she was doing,  
but I do know it was not my brother.

Do I want him to die? No I don't want him  
to have spent the rest of his life in Death Row? No  
Does he? No, but do you want to put to  
death an innocent man? Please say no.

Denny Stenerson  
Rick Leavitt's sister, I love Rick

My BROTHER Rick Leavitt, used to take me Fishing, Camping, Hunting, He taught me How to Fish on a RIVER without getting snappo, when we would go Hunting, I could never keep up with him He would let me catch up, then off again He was a walker, He always stopped to HELP people or Give a Ride, I used to watch Him Do Body & Fender work with my Dad & OTHER BROTHER, He taught me How to go CRIP Hunting, that was FUN He would give me Rides to school in His nice car & everybody would ask whos that I would laugh thats my BROTHER & His CAR, I learned a lot From Him & wish He was Here with us to go Fishing & camping I was always a good time. He would play catch with me when I was playing BASEBALL Hes Really a good Guy to BE around, fought me out a bit. & Dont think HE should Be put to DEATH

THANKS

Layne Leavitt

To Whom It May Concern:

May 20, 2012

My name is Mary K. Caldwell. I worked for the Depart. of Corrections from July 87, until I retired at the end of 2010.

I first met Richard Leavitt in 1988, when my name was LelibrIDGE and I went to work in Unit 8, (Death Row) Cq Sq.

I worked deathrow for approximately 1 year in unit 8. I spoke very often to these offenders, including Leavitt. During this time I personally never had any kind of problem with him. He was always respectful, and polite. We would often talk, mostly just general topics. I did learn that he wrote poetry and had won some awards for them.

Then in 89 we opened IMSI, (Max). In 1991 I was the Corporal in B blk. again with the deathrow inmates. Mr. Leavitt was again always polite and respectful.

As an officer, you are not suppose to consider inmates as anything but inmates, and believe me, at no time ever were any lines crossed in anyway. But, it is difficult to work with these inmates and not get to know them, and possibly ~~to~~ <sup>see</sup> them at their worse.

What Richard Leavitt was convicted of, is horrible, and I do believe in the Scott penalty, but on his behalf I will say, as far as you can say "model inmate", I would have to say he was one.



I personally never saw Mr. Leavitt  
act out, be disrespectful or personally  
cause an officer a problem or put any  
officer in danger or harm.

Respectfully Submitted  
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I am recently retired from the Idaho National Laboratory after 35 years involved in operation of and training personnel at nuclear facilities in the US and around the world.

I met the Leavitt family in 1970. I shared many hunting and fishing trips with the Leavitt family. Boyd and Marg were also members of the Eagles lodge as were my wife and I. We spent many hours working together on and attending various functions and activities for charitable causes. At the time Boyd worked at body shop and was hard working family man.

We interacted with Rick as he was growing up at various family and Eagle events and activities. He seemed to be a normal active boy. In high school Rick had some scraps with the law and as happens in small towns the police would seem to target him when investigating any crime that took place within Bingham County. When Rick was arrested for the murder Boyd and Marg pored everything they owned into his defense. They had to sell their house and summer home in Island Park to pay for the expenses. After Rick was convicted they could not stay in their hometown and moved to Nevada where Boyd got work at a mine and continued to work to pay for Ricks continuous defense and appeals.

At the present time Boyd and Marg have moved back to Blackfoot and are both in ill health. They have just recently lost their eldest son. It is obvious to me that the execution of Rick will actually result in the in the death of his parents as they will not be able to tolerate the loss of another son in their present condition.

I am, in fact, a staunch advocate of the death penalty but only when there is absolutely no doubt in the guilt of the defendant. In at least one time in the appeal process there was some doubt raised so the guilt does not appear to be absolute. After all this time and considering the consequences this execution seems to be more about revenge than it is about justice. By eliminating the execution, in this case it is possible to let Boyd and Marg live out their remaining lives in peace and with Rick still in prison justice will still be served.

