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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Opposition to Parole Grant for Jesus Cecena

Dear Governor Brown:

We urge you to remain steadfast in your prior decisions to deny parole for Jesus Cecena, convicted murderer of San Diego Police Officer Archie Buggs. Our organization, composed of 24,000-plus law enforcement officers across the State of Texas, cannot allow your decision to be made without submitting our plea for you to maintain the just stance you have previously taken. Although we respect the complications involved in this situation, we believe they are largely political in nature and have nothing to do with mercy and forgiveness, which we honor greatly.

The murder committed by Jesus Cecena in 1978 was intentional and cold blooded, culminating in a point-blank shot to the overpowered officer. While the clear nature of this crime is senselessly violent, this crime does not just indicate a violent criminal. There are special circumstances that distinguish the murder of a cop. While a criminal who is capable of committing the murder of an officer refuses to recognize the sanctity of human life, he also chooses to refute the authorities we have established for the safety of all.

Jesus Cecena could not commit this murder without lacking the fundamental respects for not only human life, but also the basic right to protection through law and order that we are all afforded in this country. We do not believe that these are qualities someone may shed, despite decades of prison time, nor do we believe someone who commits this crime is worthy of society's forgiveness.

Texas has lost more officers in the line of duty than any other state. The Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas works tirelessly every day to ensure the sacrifices they have made are not forgotten and that the circumstances surrounding their deaths are not senselessly duplicated. Because California falls closely in line behind Texas in their tragic number of losses, we know you share the same noble missions.

The decision that you make regarding the parole of Jesus Cecena will inevitably create a conversation. We hope that conversation reinforces a united intolerance of this gross attack on society. Please consider all the aspects of the murder of San Diego Police Officer Archie Buggs, and please consider the risk to rank and file that Cecena's release will inarguably create.

Highest Regards,

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