

October 25, 2017

Governor Asa Hutchinson
State Capitol Room 250
500 Woodlane Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Hutchinson,

We are 28 mental health professionals and/or experts on mental health issues in the law from Arkansas and around the country. We are writing to respectfully ask that you show mercy and commute Jack Greene's death sentence to life in prison without parole due to his severe mental illness.

Mr. Greene is scheduled to be executed on November 9, 2017. Mental health experts who have examined Mr. Greene agree he is delusional. He has been diagnosed with a psychotic disorder. His mental illness began to surface almost a decade prior to the crime for which he received the death penalty in 1992. Since then, his mental illness has worsened. Mr. Greene's illness manifests itself in extreme physical contortions, in self-mutilation, and in delusional beliefs he holds about a conspiracy against him between his attorneys and prison officials. A psychiatrist who has examined him multiple times has concluded that if Mr. Greene is executed, he will go to his death without rationally understanding his execution. By all accounts, Mr. Greene's mental illness is extreme.

As professionals who diagnose, study, and treat mental health issues, we believe the protection of the mentally ill from execution is important. Although we personally hold different positions on the death penalty as policy, we are united in the belief that the execution of a man as mentally ill as Jack Greene would be morally and ethically wrong.

Thank you for considering our position as you make your determination in this troubling case.

Sincerely,

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