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Dear Prime Minister

Granting Clemency to Van Tuong Nguyen

Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR) is a national network of Australian lawyers active in practising, and promoting awareness of human rights. ALHR's membership of over 1,000 is national, with active National and State committees.

We are appealing to your Cabinet to urgently reconsider granting clemency to Australian man Van Tuong Nguyen who will otherwise be executed for drug trafficking.

Our organisation believes the death penalty is the most cruel and inhumane punishment and is an appalling abuse of the most fundamental human right - the right to life. Van Tuong Nguyen is a young man with no prior criminal conviction who does not deserve to pay the ultimate price.

We understand under Singapore's Constitution, clemency can be granted in rare circumstances and that Van Tuong Nguyen's case fits the criteria - we believe he has always shown remorse, confessed at the earliest opportunity and cooperated fully with the Singaporean authorities and the Australian Federal Police.

We urge your government to show compassion and grant clemency to this young man.

Yours sincerely

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