



November 10, 2019

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Texas Governor  
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David Gutierrez  
Chair, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles  
Executive Clemency Section  
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re: Rodney Reed Reprieve

Dear Governor Abbott, Chair Gutierrez, and Board Members:

Today, the Texas Young Republican Federation writes to implore you to grant a reprieve in the execution of Mr. Rodney Reed.

You have by now seen the pleas from so many around the state and nation. This is not isolated to a single party or those that oppose the death penalty on religious or moral grounds. It is an outpouring of concern from many that believe this is a tool only to be used rarely and with full confidence in guilt. When the people of Texas do not have complete confidence in guilt, it weakens the system as a whole.

Many conservative representatives in the Texas House have asked you to grant a reprieve of Mr. Reed's death sentence until the evidence and developments in his case are resolved. We stand with these representatives and ask that you heed the counsel of folks like Rep. Jeff Leach, Matt Krause, Drew Springer, Dade Phelan, James White, Todd Hunter, Giovanni Capriglione, James Frank, Briscoe Cain, Kyle Kacal, Steve Toth, Brad Buckley, and others.

This is not an easy decision to overturn juries and judges, but this is about the conscience of Texas and ensuring we respect potentially innocent life.

A reprieve is not an exoneration. Let that stay in the hands of the courts, but we humbly ask that you use the authority so many of us worked hard to grant you in the state of Texas to help guarantee the system is working, as it should, for all Texans.

On Behalf of The Texas Young Republican Federation,

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