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The White House

Attention: President Barack Obama

1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington DC 20500

Re: Pending Clemency Petition for Corey Scott Jacobs #17061-112

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing in support of Corey Jacobs’ clemency petition. Corey has served 16 years of a life sentence for his role in a non-violent drug conspiracy – his first ever felony conviction. His involvement in the conspiracy occurred when he was just in his early twenties. Corey has more than paid his debt for his crime. Keeping Corey in prison for the rest of his life serves no useful purpose to himself or to society.

Despite facing the grim reality of dying in prison, Corey has devoted himself to extensive rehabilitative programming since the beginning of his incarceration over 16 years ago. He has completed 3 major residential programs and received over 100 certificates, including numerous courses to substantially enhance his education and personal growth and development.

The same judge, who had to sentence Corey to life in prison under mandatory sentencing laws, agrees that Corey deserves clemency. In his support letter for Corey, the judge wrote he is “certain” he would not have imposed a life sentence on Corey had federal laws at the time “not virtually mandated it.” This notable support speaks volumes of the merits of Corey’s clemency petition.

With no parole in the federal system, Corey has been essentially condemned to die in prison as a non-violent drug offender. As you know, life in prison without parole is, short of execution, the harshest imaginable punishment available in America. It screams a person is beyond hope, beyond redemption. It rips away any chance of reconciliation with society and gives no chance of fulfillment outside of prison walls. And, in Corey’s case, it is grossly out of proportion to the conduct it seeks to punish.

There is no doubt that drugs harm our communities, but allowing Corey to die in prison for a non-violent drug offense is not only morally wrong and inhumane, but offensive to the values of this country. Corey accepts full responsibility for his actions and has shown over the past 16 years in prison that he is more than deserving of a second chance. His continued incarceration is truly a waste of human life and taxpayer dollars. The human capital sacrificed by these ridiculous sentences is tremendous and cannot and should not be ignored. Corey is an impressive person who is well prepared for release to meaningfully contribute to society. There is nothing to be gained by anyone to have Corey spend one more day, let alone the rest of his life, behind prison walls.

Corey’s only hope for freedom is clemency from you. Corey presents a compelling and appropriate case for you to continue to show your commitment to restoring the sense of fairness at the heart of our justice system. Corey does not deserve to die in prison for a non-violent drug offense. Your mercy in granting clemency to Corey will literally save his life.

I respectfully ask that you mercifully consider and grant Corey’s clemency petition and give him the opportunity to prove to society that he has learned from past mistakes. Thank you for your time regarding this urgent matter.

Sincerely,