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Dear Board Members,

The Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales would like to express its concern regarding the situation of **Troy Davis**.

On July 16, 2007, you decided to suspend the execution of Troy Anthony Davis in order to enable the examination of elements tending to prove his innocence.

At that time you stated that your Board “would not authorize executions in the State of Georgia unless its members were convinced there was no doubt regarding the defendant’s guilt”.

As the the Supreme Court of Georgia has refused to give Troy Davis a hearing with the dissenting opinion by the Chief Justice, these doubts have not been lifted.

Troy Davis has now been on death row for over fifteen years, for a murder he has always denied committing.

According to the information received: there is no material proof of his culpability and the weapon used in the crime has never been found. Despite the very large number of elements tending to prove his innocence, all the appeals lodged asking for these to be examined have been rejected on the basis of procedural reasons alone. On the contrary, the accusation’s argument was based only on the statements of “witnesses”, the majority of whom have retracted their testimony.

We appeal urgently to the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Parole to commute the death sentence of Mr. Troy Davis.

Yours Sincerely

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