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Dear Mr. McCaffrey:

As the personal representative of His Holiness, Pope Francis, in the United States, I wish to extend my gratitude to you personally, and to the members of the ***California People of Faith Working Against the Death Penalty***, in your ongoing commitment to bring an end to the use of the death penalty in the criminal justice system of California. As we know, this practice is abhorrent to the Christian belief in the great dignity of every human being at every moment of life, from conception to **natural** death.

Let us all pray that in this extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, the death penalty may finally be stricken for good from the laws of the State of California.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò
Apostolic Nuncio

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