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Dear Governor Abbott and Board of Pardons and Paroles,

Larry Swearingen has been on death row since 2000, despite being convicted on circumstantial evidence. He has maintained his innocence but is scheduled to be executed on 21 August 2019.

Larry Swearingen was convicted of the murder of a young woman in 1998. Evidence that may have led to his acquittal was not presented at trial and appeals courts could not consider his claims regarding ineffective legal representation because of procedural obstacles. Larry Swearingen's DNA was not found on evidentiary materials tested in 2019 and several forensic experts supported his innocence claim.

The death penalty is the ultimate denial of human rights. Since 1973, 166 people have been exonerated from death row on innocence grounds. Texas has 9 executions scheduled before December.

I urge you to recommend and grant clemency to Larry Swearingen and stop his and any future executions.

Sincerely,