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**Texas State Governor Greg Abbott**

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**A Request for Capital Case Review: Rickey Cummings #999577**

Dear Governor Abbott,

I am writing to you today with concern regarding the case of Rickey Cummings #999577, who sits on Texas Death Row for a crime I don’t believe he committed. I am very disturbed that Mr. Cummings could be executed, despite the evidence that supports his innocence and the fact that he did not receive a fair and unbiased trial. If you review the case facts I have listed below, I am certain you will come to the same conclusion that Mr. Cummings played no part in the murders of Tyus Sneed and Kennan Hubert.

Mr. Cummings was wrongfully convicted in 2012 for Capital Murder of Tyus Sneed, despite **no forensic evidence or eye-witnesses support Mr. Cummings being the shooter.** Despite having the evidence to prove his innocence and that the D.A. knowingly and intentionally violated Rickey’s constitutional rights during his trial. His trial included issues with:

* The State relied heavily on **‘circumstantial evidence’** throughout Rickey’s trial, neighborhood rumors that Rickey held Hubert responsible for the murder of his friend. Emuel Bowers that occurred in April 2010, and Rickey was seen in the Lakewood Villas, which is where his grandmother lived at the time, before and after the crime
* The District Attorneys’ presented evidence alleging that Rickey sent and deleted text messages that were interpreted as ‘admission of his guilt’ (which was known by the state at the time to have not belonged to him)
* The State also presented photos and a rap video that Rickey was not in, as proof of his alleged gang ties, to an **all-white jury**
* Since the trial, both “witnesses” have **recanted their statements and admitted coercion** from the District Attorney and/or Detective [Reference: [Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, page 49](http://iamrickeycummings.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/073-Amended-Habeas-Petition-2021-06-29.pdf); [Affidavit of Michae’l Atkins, Witness](http://iamrickeycummings.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Affidavit-of-michael-atkins-free-rickey-cummings-innocent-death-row.pdf)].
* It is now known that then District Attorneys’ Abel Reyna, Greg Davis and Michael Jarrett knowingly used false testimony and evidence to convict Rickey and they used illegal post-indictment hearings before the trial began to spy on the defense team**, threaten potential defense witnesses** and **to keep material evidence hidden**. All of which were a **violation of Rickey’s constitutional Rights**

Since his conviction, Rickey’s legal team has [discovered evidence of Alternative Suspects](http://iamrickeycummings.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Alternative-suspect-report-scaled.jpeg) (see petition for [Writ of Habeas Corpus, June, 2021](http://iamrickeycummings.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/073-Amended-Habeas-Petition-2021-06-29.pdf) and [Alternative Suspects Chart](http://iamrickeycummings.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Alternative-suspects-scaled.jpeg)) that was ignored, intentionally, by then Lead Investigator, Steve January and intentionally violated Rickey’s constitutional rights during his trial.

I strongly urge you to please take direct and quick action in the case and life of Rickey Cummings, in the name of true and fair justice. An innocent man could very well be executed if someone, like you, does not intervene soon.

I am grateful for your time and attention to this very serious and urgent case.

Yours sincerely,

**Your Name**

Your City, State / Country