



JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

February 8, 2018

Andre Imbrogno
Chair, Ohio Parole Board
770 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43222

Dear Chairman Imbrogno:

On Tuesday, January 30, 2018, my office was presented with a letter from Mr. Ross Geiger of Cincinnati regarding death row inmate Raymond Tibbetts, #A363-178. Mr. Geiger's letter, which I have enclosed, states that he served as a juror during the trial and sentencing of Inmate Tibbetts. In his letter, Mr. Geiger expresses his current reservation about his vote twenty years ago to recommend a sentence of death for Inmate Tibbetts. Mr. Geiger claims that had he known then all of the information presented at Inmate Tibbetts's 2017 clemency hearing, including the testimony of Inmate Tibbetts's sister, he would not have voted to recommend death back in 1997.

Since this letter was received by me after the Board's hearing and vote on Inmate Tibbetts' case, I would like the Board to review his case in light of this new information. Accordingly, per Parole Board policy, I am requesting you to convene a hearing for the purpose of considering the letter and the issues it raises. In order to facilitate this process I have reprieved Inmate Tibbetts's execution date until October 17, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J.R. Kasich", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR JOHN R. KASICH

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

WARRANT OF REPRIEVE

WHEREAS, Raymond Tibbetts, # A363-178, is currently incarcerated in the custody of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction ("ODRC") under sentence of death; and

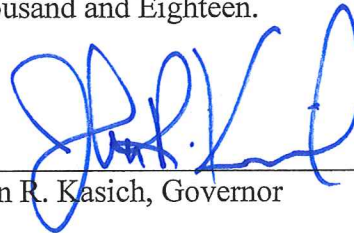
WHEREAS, an execution date for said inmate has been set for February 13, 2018, and has not been stayed by any court; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 2967.08 provides that the Governor may grant a reprieve for a definite time to a person under sentence of death, with or without notices or application; and

WHEREAS, circumstances exist justifying the grant of a temporary reprieve;

THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the laws of this state, I do hereby direct that the said sentence of death be reprieved for Raymond Tibbetts until October 17, 2018. This inmate is to remain incarcerated on Death Row at the Chillicothe Correctional Institution. Said sentence is to be carried out at 10:00 A.M., October 17, 2018 unless further reprieve or clemency is granted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this eighth day of February, in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen.



John R. Kasich, Governor

Filed this ___ day of _____, 2018, with the Hamilton County Common Pleas Clerk of Court by _____.



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GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

February 8, 2018

Mr. Raymond Tibbetts # A363-178
Chillicothe Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 5500
Chillicothe, OH 45601

Dear Mr. Tibbetts:

This letter is written to inform you that Governor Kasich has granted a Warrant of Reprieve of your execution scheduled for February 13, 2018, until October 17, 2018. A copy of the Warrant of Reprieve accompanies this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KOS".

Kevin O'Donnell Stanek
Assistant Chief Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Andre Imbrogno, Chair, Ohio Parole Board
Stephen C. Gray, Chief Legal Counsel, ODRC
Crystal Pounds-Alexander, Office of Victim Services, ODRC
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Joseph T. Deters, Hamilton County Prosecutor
Phillip R. Cummings, Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office
Jacob Cairns, Federal Public Defender's Office, Southern District of Ohio
Sharon Hicks, Federal Public Defender's Office, Northern District of Ohio
Erin Barnhart, Federal Public Defender's Office, Southern District of Ohio
Warden Timothy Shoop, Chillicothe Correctional Institution