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Dear Governor Rick Scott,

This letter comes to you with great intentions, expectations and with the highest regard for American society; you can tell just how great a country is by how well they treat the poor and less fortunate as well as how they process and maintain their criminal justice system. I would like to express my deepest concern for capital punishment and offer possible solutions to a system that currently does not appear to be working. The reasons why capital punishment is ethically wrong are: it is ineffective as a deterrent (murders happen whether or not there is capital punishment), it does not bring back the victims (capital punishment would be an act of revenge in this case), there is always the possibility of executing an innocent man or woman (this would be a grave injustice), and the denial of rehabilitation of the criminal (even if the criminal cannot be rehabilitated, they may still have something valuable to offer society). We all have heard of the arguments against capital punishment, but what about the solutions? I believe we should do what is best for everyone involved, including the criminals (a utilitarian approach). I believe crime in America has roots in the socio-economic problems that plague the poorest of neighborhoods, as well as corporate tyranny, capitalism run amuck, monetary greed, and corrupt politicians. We need to clean up America one neighborhood at a time, as well as balance the wealth, education, and healthcare of this great country (all of these elements would lead to less crime, crime that is punishable by capital punishment). We should change capital punishment to life without a chance of parole, at least until we evolve morally and ethically and can step into the future knowing more about crime, why it happens and what role we play in it. Let us do what is best for everyone.

Sincerely,

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