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Chiou Ho-shun

Dear President Lai,

I am greatly concerned about **Chiou Ho-shun**, who has been in prison for nearly 40 years and is under sentence of death despite there being no evidence to prove he is guilty of the alleged crimes. He was arrested in 1988 in relation with the murder of Ko Hung Yu-lan and the kidnapping of Lu Cheng. He was convicted and sentenced to death in 1989.

During detention and interrogation, Chiou Ho-shun was tortured and ill-treated. Prosecutors used the forced "confessions" obtained from him and other co-defendants as evidence to prove guilt, even though no material evidence linking Chiou Ho-shun to the crimes has ever been presented in court. Because of problems with earlier trials, Taiwan's Supreme Court ordered the case to be retried 11 times, but it nevertheless affirmed Chiou Ho-shun's death sentence in 2011.

Chiou Ho-shun has spent decades in prison and is struggling with illness. Therefore, I implore you to grant him a pardon and make sure he is released from prison after nearly 40 years of despair.

Sincerely