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USA (Oklahoma)

Hung Thanh Le (m), Vietnamese national, aged 36

On 6 February, the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals set Hung Thanh Le's execution date as 26 February.

Governor Brad Henry of Oklahoma had rejected a unanimous recommendation by the state Pardon and Parole Board that this former Vietnamese refugee's death sentence should be commuted to life imprisonment.

Please send appeals, in your own words, expressing regret at Governor Henry's decision to reject the state Pardon and Parole Board's unanimous recommendation in Hung Thanh Le's case, and urging him to reconsider his decision, in the interest of justice and the reputation of the State of Oklahoma.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Governor

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