Mr. President:

I am writing to you regarding Mr. Leonard Peltier. Mr. Peltier is a Native American activist, who is serving two consecutive life sentences for the 1975 shooting deaths of two FBI agents. His 1977 trial was anything but fair and is the subject of controversy to this very day. The United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, for example, made the following observation concerning Mr. Peltier’s trial, “Much of the government’s behavior at the Pine Ridge Reservation and in its prosecution of Mr. Peltier is to be condemned. The government withheld evidence. It intimidated witnesses. These facts are not disputed.” See Peltier v. Booker, 348 F. 3d 888, 896 (10th Cir. 2003).
Under Article II, Section Two of the United States Constitution, you have the authority to commute Mr. Peltier's sentence. I strongly urge you to exercise this power without delay. Mr. Peltier was 31 when he entered prison and is now 71 years of age. He does not pose a threat to anyone. Forty years in prison is enough. The time to free Mr. Peltier is now!

I hope to hear from you concerning this matter at your earliest possible convenience.

Thank you.

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