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Governor Jerry Brown
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About 20 years ago, Mr Frederick Davidson gunned down three of my friends, Dr. Preston Lowrey, Dr. Costas Lyrintzis, and Dr. Chen Liang, of Mechanical and Aerospace engineering departments at San Diego State University. I was fixing a computer code and told my colleagues that I would be slightly late to the thesis defense (it was very common at that time for faculty outside the committee to attend thesis defense) where this awful incident unfolded. When I was ready to go join them, I was interrupted by a police officer who escorted me out of my room.

The families were merciful in agreeing not to pursue death penalty on the promise that the killer would remain behind bar for his lifetime. Now I am stunned to hear from Kendal Lowrey, Prof. Lowrey's only son, that you may consider a commutation appeal from this killer.

This deranged killer kept a diary in which he wrote about every professor who ever taught him as a conspirator against him and kept updating his kill list.

As a citizen, as a Californian, and as a compassionate progressive, I appeal to you that you show your characteristic common sense and let this killer remain where he belongs. It is nothing short of a miracle that I am alive today to write to you. There are a lot of innocent people suffering today, who can use our compassion to better their lives. Letting Mr. Davidson living his full life is where my compassion ends. I hope, for the sake of justice, you would strongly consider voices from your fellow progressives such as myself before making your decision.

Sincerely,

Subrata Bhattacharjee