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Mr. Matt Schlapp and Mr. Timothy Head,

We would like the opportunity to respond to your letter to Governor Stitt dated October 22, 2021. Your letter states "that even a cursory reading of the facts of the case will leave one with questions about whether [Julius Jones] committed first degree murder." But one cannot determine guilt based on a "cursory" knowledge of a capital case. And the "facts" in your letter have been repeatedly disproven.

- 1. Eyewitnesses described the shooter as someone with an inch of hair showing out of a bandana. The only eyewitness who testified at trial, Megan Tobey, described half an inch to an inch of hair between the shooter's ear and the top of the beanie that he had pulled tightly over his head. She has repeatedly debunked this false narrative. We are attaching to the end of this letter a link to both Ms. Tobey's interview on local station KFOR and her statement to the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board. It is unfair to twist the words of Paul Howell's sister to aid his killer.
- 2. Jones had an alibi. Multiple people attest that he was having dinner with his family at the time of the murder. None were called to testify by the defense. Jones received a 3-day evidentiary hearing on this claim, which has been rejected by two courts. Jones told both of his first stage lawyers that his parents were mistaken and that he was not at home the night of the murder. Jones's girlfriend testified that Jones told her that he was on the south side of Oklahoma City. The Jones family told investigators that a family friend, B.C., would corroborate their alibi. She did not. She testified to the very same thing Jones had told his lawyers—the family was mistaken and she was there the day before the homicide. And three witnesses that knew Jones testified that they saw him with the Suburban that night. Please watch the recording of the clemency hearing. Jones's lawyer, Amanda Bass, is caught lying about the testimony of Jones's lawyers at the evidentiary hearing.
- 3. A co-defendant in other carjackings, Chris Jordan has admitted to no fewer than three cell mates that he committed the murder, rather than Julius. He testified against Jones as part of a plea agreement and is now out of prison after serving a 15 year sentence. Two of the three individuals that you refer to are convicted of murder. Christopher Berry was represented by Jones's lead counsel, David McKenzie. Berry poured scalding hot liquid all over an 11 month old boys genitals and then beat him to death. He was upset with McKenzie because he pled to Life without the Possibility of Parole. His relative has since claimed in an affidavit presented by Jones that they wanted to go to trial on the matter. The other individual, Emanuel Littlejohn, was prosecuted by Sandra Elliott, the lead prosecutor on Jones's case. Emanuel Littlejohn received the death penalty. He later claimed he was incompetent and Sandra Elliott testified against him and he was found competent. In an abundance of caution, Jones' trial attorneys polygraphed Littlejohn and he could not pass a polygraph regarding his statements. Both of these "jailhouse snitches" would have been destroyed in front of the jury. To say that they had motive to fabricate is an understatement, but in addition they did not proffer even similar statements. Berry claimed Jordan referred to Jones as his "partner in the crime" and Littlejohn claimed Jones was completely innocent. Three courts have rejected this claim. The other person that we believe you are referring to is Roderick Wesley, a habitual aggravated armed robber. He has claimed to hear voices in his head saying "REDRUM", and was determined to be faking mental illness. He even shot himself to file a false worker's compensation claim. He also has admitted that he liked to strangle cats and play with their bodies. His commissary was shown to have increased *fourfold* after he came forward claiming to have information about Jones's case. Unlike the witnesses who testified at trial, not one of these men has provided a single detail regarding the murder that could be corroborated to demonstrate their truthfulness.
- 4. Co-defendant Chris Jordan spent the night at Jones' home after the murder and directed the police where to find the murder weapon in Jones' home. Chris Jordan has provided conflicting information about whether he spent the night at the Jones' home, but he has admitted he was there the day after the murder. Nevertheless, this is a

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red herring for six reasons. First, the bandanna contains <u>Julius Jones' DNA</u>. Second, it defies logic that Jordan planted *Jones' gun* (Jones admitted to his girlfriend that the gun was his) in *Jones'* house. Why would he have removed the magazine and hidden it inside the doorbell chime, which was on the staircase where any member of the family could have seen him? The gun was not any more or less incriminating without the magazine, but Julius Jones was probably concerned with keeping a loaded gun in his family home. Third, the police only found the gun on a second search and very well could have missed it. If Jordan was trying to frame Jones, he would have hidden the gun in an obvious place to ensure it was found. Fourth, Jones had .25 caliber bullets in his personal car. Fifth, Jordan did <u>not</u> tell police he hid the gun. He told them that Jones told him Jones hid the gun on the "roof"—a clear misunderstanding by Jordan of what Jones relayed to him. Again, please watch the recording below. Finally, to believe that Jones is innocent, one would have to ignore the overwhelming other evidence, detailed in the State's presentation below (it also cannot be overlooked that Jones pled guilty to an extremely similar carjacking committed only 6 days before Paul Howell was murdered).

It is always important to hear both sides of a story. All of the above information is easily accessible on our website, complete with citations to the actual record. Please "learn the facts, discover the truth, and seek justice" at www.JusticeforPaulHowell.com

"Any story sounds true until someone tells the other side and sets the record straight" Proverbs 18:17

Numerous groups and individuals supporting Julius Jones have presented a shockingly deceptive narrative to the public in an attempt to undermine confidence in our judicial system. These lies have done grave harm not only to our family, but potentially to the entire system. And that is the goal of the people behind these lies. They are being funded by the likes of George Soros. Their aim is to undermine the confidence of the people of Oklahoma, a very conservative state, in the death penalty and our justice system as a whole. Please look into it. We do not believe you are doing a service to either the conservative cause, or the faith community, by perpetuating these untruths.

If you have concerns about David Prater, please address them in a different manner. We happen to agree with him, having sat through two hearings before the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board, that two members of the Board are completely incapable of fairly entertaining the concerns of crime victims. But even if you disagree, please do not allow that to be turned into a weapon against our family, or assist in trying to free a guilty man. The jury found beyond a reasonable doubt that Julius Jones will probably commit violent acts in the future. His criminal history, his attack on a guard in the county jail, the gang tattoos he has acquired while in prison, and his commission of numerous *felonies* while on death row only bolster that finding. This is about public safety and basic fairness. And it is about truth. We implore you to look at the facts. Contact our family, watch the Attorney General's presentation below, ask us for transcripts—we will gladly provide them.

Paul Howell was a wonderful man. He loved his family and was an amazing father, brother, and son. He was involved in his community, helping those who struggled with alcohol addiction. He was an innocent victim. He deserves justice. And conservatives and people of faith everywhere deserve the truth.

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cc: Governor Stitt cc: The Daily Oklahoman cc: CPAC

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