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Montana Board of Pardons and Parole
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Dear Board Members,

This letter is in regard to Ronald Allen Smith, a Canadian citizen who has been sentenced to death for a double-murder and who is currently being held in the Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge, Montana.

On March 4, 2009, the Honourable Mr. Justice Robert Barnes of the Federal Court of Canada ordered the Government to support Mr. Smith's case for clemency. On June 3, 2010, Canadian Consul General Dale Eisler met with Governor Schweitzer and informed him that Canada would support Mr. Smith's case for clemency.

The Government of Canada therefore requests that you grant clemency to Mr. Smith on humanitarian grounds. The Government of Canada does not sympathize with violent crime and this letter should not be construed as reflecting a judgment on Mr. Smith's conduct.

As indicated by Canada's Consul General, I am therefore respectfully requesting that the Board of Pardons and Parole carefully review Mr. Smith's case with a view to making a positive recommendation to the Governor of Montana on the issue of clemency for Mr. Smith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Baird".

John Baird, P.C., M.P.

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