

April 12, 2022

The Honorable Luis Saenz
District Attorney of Cameron County
964 E. Harrison Street-4th Floor
Brownsville, TX 78520

Dear Mister Saenz,

I write with esteem for your office and for your person for your willingness to serve the common good and the rule of law, indispensable for the peace of society. I write also in prayerful solidarity with my brother, Bishop Daniel E. Flores, Bishop of Brownsville, in requesting that you withdraw the execution date set for Melissa Lucio.

As we celebrate the mystery of our salvation from sin in the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, I ask that you consider this action as an exercise of mercy and greater justice especially given the circumstances of her tragic case. The execution of Melissa Lucio will further traumatize her family who are also the survivors of her alleged victim, her daughter. Please also consider that four jurors in her case have submitted affidavits saying that they would not have given the death sentence if had more information on her case.

Please know of my prayers for you that the Holy Spirit guide you in your discernment with His gifts of wisdom and fortitude as you carry the large burdens of your office including the prosecutorial discretionary power to withdraw the date of execution. With prayers for you and for your family for a peaceful Easter Season, I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Michael F. Olson

Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, STD, MA
Bishop of Fort Worth

CC: Bishop Daniel E. Flores