

**President Joseph R. Biden Jr.
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500**



Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Organization for World Peace, urging you to consider seriously granting clemency to Leonard Peltier, a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM). It is you who can make a better world where each person gets a fair trial and be a leader that shows compassion.

As you know, Leonard Peltier, an Anishinaabe-Lakota Native American, was involved in a confrontation on 26 June 1975. The confrontation was between AIM members and two FBI agents, Ronald Williams and Jack Coler, who were tragically shot dead. The loss of the two agents is indisputable, but what is in dispute is Peltier's role in the event. Peltier was convicted of the murders in 1977 and has been incarcerated ever since, though he never renounced his innocence.

Following numerous attempts on the part of Leonard's lawyers to overturn the conviction and grant a retrial, including a Freedom of Information lawsuit, in 1988 the U.S Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit denied the request though they did state that "We recognize that there is some evidence in this record of improper conduct on the part of some FBI agents, but we are reluctant to impute even further improprieties to them."

There are missing pieces in this case, and Leonard Peltier has been paying the price. He is aging and has had multiple health issues, including being at a higher risk of COVID-19 in detention.

Supported by Amnesty International and several Nobel Prize winners, including Archbishop Tutu, we ask you to do the right thing and grant Leonard Peltier clemency.

As an advocate for peace, I trust that you will take this issue seriously and seek to protect those who need defending.

Respectfully,

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