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Sr. Patricio Aylwin Azócar  
Presidente de la República de Chile  
Palacio de Moneola  
Santiago, Chile

Your Excellency:

I am a member of Amnesty International, a worldwide human rights organization which works for the release of prisoners of conscience, the fair and early trial of all political prisoners, and against torture and the death penalty. We write letters to government officials in countries other than our own in attempts to secure justice in these cases. Our organization is firmly impartial and nonpolitical; our sole concern is with human rights.

I welcome your proposals for legislative reforms to a number of laws which have previously undermined the rights of political prisoners to a fair trial. In particular, I welcome the statements you have made and the steps you have taken supporting the abolition of the death penalty. I hope that in the near future, measures will be taken that will lead to the total abolition of the death penalty.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I appeal to your compassion on behalf of all political prisoners and all those under sentence of death, and I eagerly await your response.

Respectfully and sincerely,



Eleanor Punkay

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Members of the Chilean Congress