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Dear President,

I wish to express my concern about Gennadii Yakovitskii, who has been sentenced to death, having been found guilty of the murder of his partner. He has denied the charges and vital evidence was omitted from his trial. He has lodged an appeal to the Supreme Court, but his death sentence remains nonetheless in force.

I urge you to immediately commute the death sentence of Gennadii Yakovitskii and all others sentenced to death, and establish an immediate moratorium on executions pending the abolition of the death penalty.

Furthermore, I call on you to give Gennadii Yakovitskii a retrial in accordance with international fair trial standards, including the omitted vital evidence.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,