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Dear Governor Sununu:

Perhaps you remember the 1994 shooting in Portsmouth, NH. My husband was the murder victim, and both my son and I were victims of attempted murder. The murder changed my family forever, but it did not change our value of human life or our stand against the death penalty.

I can assure you that had the gunman received the death penalty this would be of no benefit to me or my family. A murder in the family stays with us for the rest of our lives. The murder — and that is what a death penalty is — of the gunman would not bring closure or relief to any of us.

The government has no more right to kill than the gunman who shot my husband. Use of the death penalty teaches our children that killing is OK. It is my belief that the death penalty is wrong and I hope you will sign the bill for repeal of this practice in New Hampshire.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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