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Carly Madison Gregg vs. State of Mississippi

Re: Amicus Letter in Support of Appeal – Carly Madison Gregg

Dear Honorable Justices,

I respectfully submit this letter as a concerned citizen from Poland, currently residing in Ireland, in support of the appeal of Carly Madison Gregg. While I am not a U.S. resident, I have communicated with Carly a few times via the GTL Getting Out app and have followed publicly available information regarding her case. I write to highlight considerations regarding juvenile sentencing, proportionality, and rehabilitation, which are recognized under U.S. constitutional principles and international norms concerning the treatment of children in the justice system.

Carly was fourteen years old at the time of the offense. The United States Supreme Court has consistently recognized that juveniles are constitutionally different from adults due to developmental immaturity, diminished culpability, and a greater capacity for reform. I believe that a sentence of life without parole for a child effectively eliminates any meaningful opportunity for rehabilitation and may not be compatible with these principles.

Publicly reported information indicates that significant mental health challenges were presented during trial as part of the defense's case. Reports also indicate that she has maintained appropriate conduct while incarcerated. Most notably, she recently completed a high-school equivalency program and was named valedictorian of her class. These accomplishments demonstrate her capacity for reflection, discipline, and personal growth, qualities that juveniles are constitutionally recognized to possess.

Gregg's appellate brief argues that extensive publicity and an accelerated trial schedule may have compromised the fairness of the proceedings. The considerable attention this case has received underscores the importance of appellate review grounded solely in constitutional standards and individualized sentencing principles, free from external pressure.

Finally, international norms increasingly recognize that children should have meaningful opportunities for rehabilitation, reinforcing the principle that youth diminishes culpability and allows for growth. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Court to consider whether a life-

without-parole sentence imposed on a fourteen-year-old aligns with constitutional protections and the recognition that children possess a unique capacity for rehabilitation and reform.

Respectfully submitted,

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