PETITION REGARDING THE PENDING EXECUTIONS of Amos King, Linroy Bottoson and Robert Trease

Please complete and send for delivery not later than January 20, 2002

Florida Board of Executive Clemency
1309 Winewood Boulevard, Building 6, Room 323
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2450

Dear members of the Board,

We, the undersigned, ask that the **Florida Board of Executive Clemency** recommend to **Governor Jeb Bush** that clemency, via a commutation of sentence to life in prison, be granted to **Linroy Bottoson** and **Robert Trease,** who are scheduled to be executed on February 5 and February 7 of 2002, respectively. **Amos King,** scheduled to be executed on January 24, has serious claims of innocence, if not lack of due process. Should he not receive a stay in order to pursue legal remedy, we ask that he be granted clemency as well.

We strongly oppose the use of capital punishment in the state of Florida, on the grounds, among others, that it may be applied in error (as witnessed by the release, since 1977, of 23 Florida capital convicts who were wrongly convicted), that it has never been shown to be a greater deterrent to murder than life imprisonment, that it is often applied in a racially discriminatory manner, and that only sentence available for first-degree murder, other than the death penalty, is the very reasonable alternative of life in prison without parole, which 55% of Floridians support.

cc: Governor Jeb Bush, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001