

**CONNIE HOGARTH CENTER FOR SOCIAL ACTION
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Dear Jeffrey,

This is a most belated appreciation of the talk you gave in 2007 at the annual Civil Liberties Union and Connie Hogarth Center for Social Action lecture on the death penalty.

We hold this lecture for the last 11 years in memory of Henry Schwarzschild who founded the National Coalition against the Death Penalty and spent all his waking hours for years, until his death, working to end this truly medieval punishment and government sanctioned murder.

I want to be sure you know, Jeffrey, that your talk—at which a good number of my Hogarth Center students attended—was so riveting and so compelling that they wrote responses to me about how important your talk was for them. They were deeply moved by you personally, and certainly by your story and profound experience.

You have meant a great deal to so many of them, as well as to the folks in the Civil Liberties Union of Westchester who attended that evening...a number of whom I know have been in touch with you subsequently.

When you spoke another time, following this event, for one of our seminars at my Center, in our Criminal Justice series of seminars, the students, once again, were so excited about your coming, and clearly expressed how much they had learned and understood from your experience and your knowledge on criminal justice problems and the deep flaws in the system.

I want to thank you so much for how far you have traveled in your journey since your days of incarceration and your ability to forgive and understand and then share with others the great needs in our society on these issues of life and death.

With great good feeling and wishes for your fine future,

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