

DEATH PENALTY ACTION

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Man Next in Line to Be Executed in Texas Files Clemency Application

*** Interviews Available ***

Public Rally In Dallas Saturday Morning

Austin, TX: Ivan Cantu is scheduled to be executed in Texas on April 26, 2023, despite significant questions about his guilt. [Cantu's clemency petition](#) provides a preview of issues to be raised in legal motions expected to be filed today. **Supporters of Ivan Cantu will rally Saturday morning at 11am CT at Founders Plaza, 600 Elm St. in Dallas.**

Issues raised in the application include evidence of perjured testimony, retracted testimony, newly developed concerns expressed by multiple jurors from the original trial, ineffective assistance of counsel, and rebuttal evidence showing that multiple claims made by prosecutors at trial were demonstrably false.

"The clemency application actually states that courts are unlikely to agree to review Mr. Cantu's evidence of innocence or the record of his ineffective assistance of counsel," said Abraham Bonowitz, executive director of Death Penalty Action, which is mounting a campaign to raise awareness of Cantu's case. "That's why executive clemency is an important consideration. It is an incontrovertible fact that Ivan's lawyers did not call a single witness in his defense. It would be unAmerican for Governor Abbott to allow this execution to go forward."

Ivan Cantu's mother, Sylvia Cantu, and the investigator in the case, Matthew Duff, are featured in videos linked at bit.ly/IvanCantu. Both are available for interviews by contacting Blair FitzGibbon, 202-503-6141, blair@blairfitzgibbon.com.

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