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As the world's largest grassroots human rights organization, Amnesty International has worked for more than 40 years to guarantee all people their fundamental human rights. The death penalty is one of the most egregious violations of established human rights principles, and Amnesty International members work everyday to abolish the practice worldwide.

*Aileen. Life and Death of a Serial Killer*, poignantly depicts several of the major flaws in the US death penalty system. The story of Aileen Wournos provides every public official and thoughtful citizen an opportunity to reexamine a practice abandoned by more than half of the world. This movie highlights long-standing Amnesty International concerns about a system that executes some of society's most vulnerable: the poor and people with mental illness.

More than 100 death row inmates have been exonerated in the United States. A system with this failure rate should not be trusted in irreversible matters of life and death. Audience members inspired by this tragic film should join Amnesty International in its efforts for justice: [www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Schulz".

William F. Schulz, Executive Director, Amnesty International USA

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