

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 12/14/20

Name: Katharine Beutner

Are you representing: Yourself

Organization

Organization (If Applicable):

Position/Title:

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): SB 256

Specific Issue: Possibility of parole for juveniles

Are you testifying as a: X Proponent

Opponent

Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? N/A

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I am writing in strong support of SB 256. No Ohio child should ever be incarcerated without possibility of parole.

I teach college students. Even when they are 17-22, it's clear to me how malleable the minds of young adults are—how much they can learn and change. Criminal justice systems outside the US clearly understand this, too. No other country in the world sentences children to life in prison with no chance of parole. This bill doesn't REQUIRE parole—it requires only the possibility, the chance for a hearing. It does not increase any danger to society. It makes justice possible. I ask that you consider my testimony and vote in support of SB 256.

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