

House Criminal Justice Committee  
Proponent Testimony House Bill 183  
Written Testimony Only  
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Dear Chairman LaRe, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Leland,  
and members of the House Criminal Justice Committee:

My name is Lynn Buffington and I am a resident of Beavercreek in  
Greene County, 73<sup>rd</sup> House District and 10<sup>th</sup> Senate District. Thank you  
for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on Ohio House Bill  
183.

Thank you for hearing this important bill. I urge you to do everything in  
your power to support this bill so that it becomes law. The death  
penalty should be abolished because the errors in conviction are  
unacceptably high; about one out of six people sentenced to death in  
Ohio have been found to be innocent. The death penalty should be  
abolished because it is costly; it is much cheaper to incarcerate than to  
carry out a death penalty and all the processes that are part of a death  
penalty. The death penalty should be abolished because I, and many  
other Ohioans, believe it is cruel and unusual punishment, prohibited  
by the constitution. The death penalty should be abolished because  
our criminal justice system is still filled with racial disparities and the  
death penalty is disproportionately applied to people of color,  
especially African-American men.

Thank you for considering my testimony; please vote yes on this  
important bill, HB 183.