

I have a respect for life that includes all people...good citizens or those who have gone wrong or are perceived to have gone wrong...of all races, cultures, gender identity, religion and whatever other categories in which we have boxed human beings. My religious orientation...that the reign of God speaks to love, reconciliation and forgiveness through the death of Jesus, the last and ultimate death penalty case for me... is probably the strongest influence upon my position regarding the death penalty...murder is murder, whether person-to-person or legislated as an option in our judicial system. I am not opposed to life sentences when a person is proven, beyond reasonable doubt, guilty of murder but I am opposed to the death penalty and believe it is time to acknowledge that it is wrong to take a life. I support the proposed HB183 to repeal the death penalty in Ohio.