

Ohio House Criminal Justice Committee
Proponent Testimony
House Bill 183

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

My name is David Sablosky and I am a resident of Fairfield Township in Butler County, Ohio. Thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony for the 4th hearing of House Bill 183.

Mr. Tobin, Executive Director of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association, while providing opponent testimony of HB183, stated during the questioning session that our criminal justice system accepts the risk of convicting the innocent.

The question before us today is: should our criminal justice system accept the risk of executing the innocent?

Ohio has exonerated eleven men since the death penalty has been reinstated. It is naïve to believe that of the 135 inmates currently on death row none are innocent when eleven others have already been exonerated.

I urge you not to let the very human desire to take vengeance upon those who commit the most heinous of crimes allow us to commit the even more heinous act of executing someone who is innocent. Please support HB183, the repeal of the death penalty and replacement with life imprisonment without parole.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote yes on this critically important bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Sablosky". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David Sablosky