

**Proponent Testimony House Bill 221 - Written Only**  
**House Criminal Justice Committee**  
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Chair Abrams, Vice Chair Williams, Ranking Member Brown, and members of the Criminal Justice Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Sandy Seaton-Todd and I have lived in Ohio for 50 years. I believe in freeing innocent people from death row.

I am writing in proponent testimony for HB 221. Our constitution guarantees a fair trial, and our current Ohio DNA law stops this from happening by not allowing innocent people to access DNA evidence. This committee has the power to fix this issue.

I urge you to vote yes on this bill.

Thank you. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Rev. Dr. Sandy Seaton-Todd