

Proponent Testimony House Bill 221 - Written Only
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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 MacKenzie Seaton-Todd and I have lived over 20 years in Ohio, and am currently an elementary school teacher. I feel strongly about ensuring Ohio has a fair criminal justice system.

I am writing in proponent testimony for HB 221. I believe we should expand postconviction access to DNA evidence which shows actual innocence. I find it extremely disturbing that there are innocent people who have been wrongfully on death row for any amount of time, let alone 20+ years. We should let people access evidence that proves their innocence, especially in matters of life and death.

I urge you to vote yes on this bill.

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

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