

**Senate Judiciary Committee
Senate Bill 101
Written Testimony Only**

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Dear Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Molly Garfield and I am a resident of Cleveland Heights. Thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on Ohio Senate Bill 101.

I support SB 101 primarily because of the innocence of some of the people on death row. Ohio has had 11 exonerees who spent a total of 126 years in prison for crimes they did not commit. For every 5 people executed by Ohio, 1 is found to be innocent. This is astronomical. Not that one mistake is okay!

Furthermore, Black people are far more likely to be given the death penalty than whites. While blacks are frequent victims of crime, the victim is white in 75% of the time the death penalty is given.

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