Ohio Senate Bill 101 ("Death Penalty Abolition Bill") 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 Fadi Karim and I am a resident of 21300 West Byron Rd Shaker Hts Ohio 44122. Thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on Ohio Senate Bill 101.

The death penalty may condemn innocent people to death. On many occasions , review of the trial and new DNA evidence results in an overturn of a conviction. The states that use it see higher murder rates proving that it is not effective. The death penalty is also almost entirely unsuccessful because prosecutors are overzealous spending millions each case trying to get a death sentence, but 98% of the time jurors refuse to even give one. Michigan abolished the death penalty before the Civil War yet don't see worse crime rates or worse levels of victim satisfaction.

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

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