

Senate Judiciary Committee  
Senate Bill 101  
Written Testimony only

Chairman Manning

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

My name is Arthur Krakauer and I am a resident of Akron. Thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on Ohio Senate Bill 101.

I am disturbed with the excessive number of individuals who have been on death row and later found to be innocent. 11 death row exonerees have collectively spent 216 years in prison for crimes they did not commit. A disproportionate number of individuals in prison are people of color. The same is true for death row inmates. There are other options such as life without the possibility of parole.

Ohio should do what 24 other states have already done and eliminate the death penalty. We should execute justice, not people.

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