

Hello, my name is Susan Prieshoff. I am a voting resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony on the current Ohio Senate Bill 101.

I am asking you to abolish the death penalty here in Ohio because I firmly believe there are alternatives, such as a life sentence. There are too many if's, and's, or but's, to keep killing through our judicial system.

I have lost a friend to murder by another, also a friend to murder by the state. Some say the financial cost is a reason to end it, others the court time, I say, what about the human cost??

There are plenty of reports, studies, and statistics to prove that states that do not have the death penalty have lower murder rates. Which is why since the 1980's I have been fighting to stop Ohio from killing our fellow human beings. And what about all those released when found innocent? For every five people Ohio has executed, one has been exonerated from death row! Please stop using the death penalty in my name. Pass Senate Bill 101, show some love and compassion here in Ohio.

Thank you for your time.