

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 Janice Seymour, and I am a resident of Hamilton County. Thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on Ohio Senate Bill 101.

I support this bill to abolish the death penalty in Ohio. My opposition to the death penalty is primarily a moral one. As a believing Christian and a practicing United Methodist I believe killing people in the name of the state is wrong. Statistics show that innocent people will be executed. Also, our application of the death penalty is skewed depending on race and income level. States with the most executions have the highest murder rates. The expense of capital cases could effectively be used to help the victims of homicide. Nothing about the death penalty make it effective in fighting violence or making citizens safer in Ohio.

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

Sincerely,

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