

**OHIO SENATE**  
**Committee on Judiciary Minutes**  
**November 15, 2023**  
**135th General Assembly**

The Senate Committee on Judiciary was called to order at approximately 9:33 AM in the North Hearing Room of the Statehouse.

Attendance was taken. A quorum was present.

Chairman Manning called up the previous minutes and they were approved without objection.

Chairman Manning called up Senate Bill 37 for its first hearing.

No testimony was offered.

Vice Chair Reynolds moved that a substitute bill (0168-2) be accepted by the committee. The motion was agreed to without objection.

Chairman Manning called up Senate Bill 98 for its fifth hearing.

No testimony was offered.

Chairman Manning called up Senate Bill 101 for its second hearing.

The following testimony was provided:

Judge Chris Brown, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony)  
Tom Roberts, Ohio Conference of the NAACP - Proponent (Written Testimony)  
Tim Young, Office of the Ohio Public Defender - Proponent (Written Testimony)  
Kevin Werner, Ohio Justice & Policy Center - Proponent (Written Testimony)  
Allison Cohen, Ohioans to Stop Executions - Proponent (Written Testimony)  
Gary Mohr, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony)  
Pastor Rich Nathan, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony)  
Cynthia Brown, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony)  
Pierce Reed, Ohio Innocence Project - Proponent (Written Testimony)  
William Kuehnle, Catholic Conference of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony)  
Rev. Dr. Amariah McIntosh, Ohio Council of Churches - Proponent (Written Testimony)  
Abraham Bonowitz, Death Penalty Action - Proponent (Written Testimony)  
Patrick J. O'Conner, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Kristen Lynn Guappone, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Bruce Freeman, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Hanneke Klap, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Paul Kipfstuhl, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Joel Shenk, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Jessica Dickinson, Ohio Fair Courts Alliance - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Mackenzie Doyle, Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Leah Holden, Akron NAACP, Akrin Friends Meeting - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Emily O' Hara, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Bekky Baker, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Chaplain Michael Zoosman, "L'chaim! Jews Against the Death Penalty" - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Alice Lynd, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Caitie H. Milcinovic, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Bernard A. Smith, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Sister Sally (Sarah) J. Duffy, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Eugenio Giani, Cities for Life - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Dario Nerdella, Cities for Life - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Daniela Jauk-Ajamie, PH.D., Department of Criminal Justice Studies, The University of Akron - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Robert P. Donovan, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Molly Garfield, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

David Greenfield, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Anne Feczko, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Patricia Muhleman, Ohioans to Stop Executions - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Linda Baily, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Ethan Nichols, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Fadi Karim, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Omar Mansour, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

John C. Calhoun, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Thomas Oddo, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Jim Petro, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Nancy Petro, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Richard Clark, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Margery Koosed, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Jennifer Morin-Williamson, Sisters of the Precious Blood - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Susan E. Carter, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Ryan Schellenberg, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Samantha Searls, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Sena McCann, American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Leslie A. Stanforth, Self- Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Jeffery Warzel, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Russell B. Naber, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

St. Paschal Baylon Social Action Commission - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Colleen Dailey, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Robbie Seaton-Todd, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Karen Young, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Daniel Schneider, Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Sr, Alice Gerdeman, CDP, Congregation of Divine Providence - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Arthur H. Krakauerm Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Susan Prieshoff, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Vittorio Nastasi, Reason Foundation - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Cheryl Keys, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

James Rutherford, M.D., Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Jeffrey M. Gasano, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Morgan Reece, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Daniel Flynn, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Barbara Hornbeek, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

David M. Hulefeld, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

David Sablosky, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Allison Reynolds-Berry, Ignite Peace - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
M. Catherine Smythe Zajc, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Rev. Dr. Sandy Seaton-Todd, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Alan Johnson, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Adeline Hatfield, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Sharon Harris, Ignite Peace - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Karen Leith, League of Women Voters of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Janice F. Seymour, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Robert Maher, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Robert Whalen, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan Jr., The Ohio Council of Churches - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Anna Aydinyan, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Dr. Steve Bein, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Jeremy Koosed, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Gretchen Greenawalt, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Rebekah J. Nilges, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Hans A. Nilges, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Katherine Inamura, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Peter Kobak, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Shannon Hughes, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Lauren Staley, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Constance Suchala, Sisters of Notre Dame, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Carol Rafferty, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Jan Wiebe, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Douglas Benbow, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)  
Scott Seaton-Todd, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

With no further business, the committee adjourned at approximately 11:20 AM.

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Nathan H. Manning, Chair