

Dear Members of the House Criminal Justice Committee

“Cities for life – Cities against the death penalty” is a campaign led by the Community of Sant’Egidio that supports the abolition of the death penalty all over the world and promotes the culture of life.

During more than twenty years, this initiative has been gathering a worldwide network of civil and faith leaders and testimonials, now witnessing a consolidated trend by decision makers to end the death penalty in most Countries and States.

First of all, the Ohio legislators are praised for all progress towards introducing a new legislation that would abolish the death penalty, while their decisions on this issue are now even more in focus and consideration by the most part of the global public opinion.

We believe the death penalty repeal could mark a ceasefire of hatred in favor of life, in Ohio and wherever justice and peace are sought.

The stubborn pursuit of the convict’s death by the State has nothing to do with justice: it is just a form of torture, a waste of resources that could be usefully spent in favor of the crime victims and to better protect the most frail in our societies.

Thanks for your attention and acknowledgement

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Yours faithfully
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