

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: October 9, 2023

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Are you representing: Yourself  Organization

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## Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 259

Specific Issue: Death penalty abolition

Are you testifying as a: Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party

Are you testifying: In-Person  Written-Only

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes  No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

During these latest decades, most countries have chosen for abolition: we see a global unstoppable trend, with the always dwindling consensus and use of the death penalty, while broadening efficiency and effectiveness of justice. Death penalty costs, also the hidden ones, are a nightmare for the corrections and justice budget. Abolishing the death penalty in Ohio can also give a very positive spotlight for the State amongst influent international audience and civic community, like witnessed in the attached letters by elected leaders from Tuscany, Italy.

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