

Senate Judiciary Committee
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Written Testimony Onky

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Dear Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Linda Baily, and I'm a resident of Lake County Ohio. Thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on Ohio Senate Bill 101.

I support this bill due to many reasons. The death penalty radically and dangers, innocent life by sentencing innocent people to death, 20% of the time. It also dramatically wastes tax dollars by costing 3 to 10 times more money than any other type of criminal prosecution case. The death penalty traumatizes workers on death row.

And if you think it's a deterrent, that is not the case either. States that use the death penalty see a higher murder rates.

The moment is right for repeal, as over 59% of Ohioans pulled by the Terrence group support repealing the death penalty, and 24 states plus Washington D.C. have already cut ties with it. Ohio should be next and choose to value innocent lives save tax dollars and use funds to help crime victims by passing this bill and repealing the death penalty.

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

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