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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 David Greenfield and I am a resident of Blue Ash. I am writing to urge you to vote yes on SB101.

There are frequently stated reasons for eliminating the death penalty such as the history of killing innocent people, the cost of the trials and the denial of the possibility of redemption for those who are guilty.

My major concerns are not about those executed or their victims.

I am concerned about what state sanctioned killing does to all of us as individuals and as a society. I don't want the state to be killing in my name and I certainly don't want the state to be teaching my children and grandchildren that killing is an acceptable way to solve individual or societal problems.

Killing another hardens us and decreases our sensitivity and kindness towards others. State sanctioned killing does the same to the functions of our government.

Many soldiers and policemen who have had to kill to save their own lives, have found that experience to be highly traumatic and life changing in a negative way. Let's stop that trauma for all of us and our society.

Please vote for SB 101

Thank you for considering my comments.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Greenfield".

David Greenfield