Testimony of Morgan Reece President Falcons for Life, Bowling Green State University Before the Senate Judiciary Committee, November 15, 2023 In Support of SB 101 to Repeal the Death Penalty Sponsored by Senators Stephen Huffman and Nickie Antonio

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of Senate Bill 101 to end Ohio's death penalty.

I am Morgan Reece, and I am a fourth-year Honors student at Bowling Green State University, double-specializing in Supply Chain Management and Business Analytics. I'm also a Student Ambassador for the Schmidthorst College of Business. And I am the Founder and President of Falcons for Life, which is BGSU's chapter of Students for Life. I am testifying today in my individual capacity and as a person who strongly believes in and advocates for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

I came to my pro-life beliefs after much research and soul searching the summer before my senior year in high school. Since then, I have been very active in the pro-life movement. Along with being the president of Falcons for Life, I am also the Communications Director for the University of Toledo Students for Life group, a William Wilberforce Fellow with Students for Life, and a canvasser for Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America and Protect Women Ohio.

I ask you today to move swiftly to pass Senate Bill 101 ending the death penalty in Ohio. Valuing and honoring life until natural death is just as important as valuing and honoring life from conception, and it is time that Ohio take a stand by ending a policy and practice that allows the government to take a human life.

Given that we can protect our communities by imposing life in prison sentences to be served in maximum security facilities, there is no possible justification for the government taking a human life.

For these reasons I urge you to vote for Senate Bill 101 to end Ohio's death penalty.