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Senate Judiciary Committee
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Written Testimony Only of:
David Sablosky

November 13, 2023

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

My name is David Sablosky and I am a resident of Fairfield Township in Butler County, Ohio. Thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony for the 2th hearing of Senate Bill 101.

The question before us today is: should we allow our criminal justice system to accept the risk of executing the innocent? I pray that you agree that we should not allow the innocent to be executed.

Ohio has exonerated eleven men since the death penalty has been reinstated. The path towards exoneration is designed to be torturous and not to find innocence. A case in point is Tony Apanovitch, who, despite being exonerated by DNA evidence, was placed back in prison on a technicality. It is naïve to believe that of the 118 inmates currently on death row none are innocent when eleven others have already been exonerated and Tony Apanovitch is on death row today.

There are those who have committed heinous acts. I urge you not to let the very human desire to take vengeance upon those who commit the most heinous of crimes allow us to commit the even more heinous act of executing someone who is innocent. Please support SB101, the repeal of the death penalty and replacement with life imprisonment without parole.

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

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

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