

# Ohio doesn't want it. Ohio doesn't need it.

## #NoDeathPenaltyOH

#NoDeathPenaltyOH is the official campaign to end Ohio's death penalty. Since its reintroduction in 1981, the death penalty has proven to be an expensive, racist, arbitrary system that convicts innocent people. **Ohio can keep our citizens safe and hold individuals accountable for their actions without the death penalty— in fact, it's what we already do the vast majority of the time.**

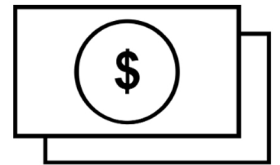


For every five people Ohio has executed, one innocent person was exonerated from death row. **In total, Ohio has sentenced 11 innocent people to die.** And there are people on death row right now with strong innocence claims.



The death penalty promises “justice” for the families of murder victims, but often only contributes to their pain. In the words of Jonathan Mann, whose father was murdered in 2017, **“It's typical that capital cases can take upward of 15 years to weave through the system, which means constantly reopening the wound of my father's death at hearings and appeals.”**

The death penalty is at least **three times more expensive** than other sentencing options. The enormous costs raise issues about whether the funds used to seek executions can be more effectively spent to achieve some of the goals that the death penalty allegedly seeks, such as providing help for families of homicide victims or implementing more effective ways to reduce rates of criminal violence.



Capital defendants charged with killing a white person in Ohio are **twice as likely** to receive a death sentence as those charged with killing a person of color. As of Fall 2020, more than half of Ohio's death row comprise people of color, even though they make up a very small fraction (15%) of Ohio's population.



**Hello, I live in Ohio and I support SB 103/HB 183 to repeal Ohio's death penalty.**

SB 103 and HB 183 would end Ohio's death penalty forever. Write a postcard to your legislator and let them know this is an important issue to you!



*Do we want our state government -- and thus, by extension, all of us -- to be in the business of taking lives in what amounts to a death lottery? I can't imagine that's something about which most of us feel comfortable. And, thus, I believe the time has come to abolish the death penalty in Ohio.*

**--Paul Pfeiffer, former Ohio Supreme Court Justice and architect of Ohio's death penalty statute**



*My experience is not an isolated incident. My wrongful conviction was the result of a deeply flawed system, a system that is infected with racial bias and risks the execution of the innocent.*

**--Derrick Jamison, exonerated after 20 years on Ohio's death row**



*The death penalty is expensive, inefficient and takes far too long. I believe it only prolongs the pain and healing process for victims' families.*

**--Terry Collins, former director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections**



*Instead of wasting resources trying to execute a handful of killers, Ohio can do better for all victims' families.*

**--LaShawn Ajamu, whose brother was murdered in 1997**



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