

THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR OHIO TO REPEAL ITS DEATH PENALTY

AN OUTDATED PUNISHMENT

Statements and actions by elected officials signal that Ohioans are ready to move beyond the outdated and extreme death penalty, which doesn't serve victims' family members, saps precious state resources, and risks executing innocent persons.

Governor Mike DeWine entered his first term with over two dozen executions on the calendar and has reprieved every date that has come up. These reprieves occurred due to serious concerns about Ohio's execution protocol. The Governor has also expressed increasing concern with the death penalty overall.



"There are a lot of things we do, and a lot of things we can do, that are more important as far as safety than the capital punishment debate."

GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE

Ohio leaders have rightfully put a spotlight on a policy that accomplishes nothing but harm and needs to go.

Here's what we know about Ohio's death penalty:

- Nine of our ten death cases in Ohio result in a sentence less than death.
- The death penalty in Ohio is ten times more expensive than a non-death case. Just this year, the Ohio legislature allocated \$4 million to Pike County to help them carry out trials for a series of murders that occurred in 2016.
- Our system is fallible. For every six executions that have taken place since Ohio's reinstatement of the death penalty, 1 person has been exonerated.
- There's no reliable evidence that the death penalty is a deterrent to violent crime.
- Instead of spending millions of Ohio tax dollars on a risky, expensive punishment that doesn't keep us safe, we could be providing much needed counseling and other services for the families of murder victims.

DEATH PENALTY CASE OUTCOMES 2014-2017



