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Legislature Law Revision Committee – Death Penalty Issue
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Wednesday Evening September 25, 1996
Approximately 8:00 pm – by 8:15-8:20 pm four lives are dead.

To the Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

A seventeen year old male armed with a .357 magnum and his thirty two year old partner enters with a plan. After some conversation, premeditation occurs. They were in my brother's home. After "the signal," shots begin and my wonderful, kind brother is dead, a bullet entered the back of his head. There are three other people, unfortunately, in the house, as they can identify them, they must be killed also. Wayne Borrows tries to subdue the monster shot. Lynne Suszynski – shot. My beautiful, brave niece (she was in her room on the phone getting ready for a date). They did not know she was home. Upon hearing the shots, she opened her door – her demise – said a few words – shot, but not dead. The monsters notice Lynne is moving – she is shot again – dead this time. I believe at this time, they exit – one in the car they arrived in, the other the other in my brother's vehicle – running as the cowards and evil they are. My eighteen year old niece crawled down the hallway, over to her dead father, to the phone – dialed 911 – dispatcher answers – she can't talk. Her last breath of air echoed in the court room. We hear her die. She just graduated from high school, her prom – and was saving and working to become one excellent and compassionate nurse.

Four lives taken by scum. They knew a seventeen year old cannot get the death penalty in this state – but my niece – who just turned eighteen. What kind of world is this? There are so many details – but you can read them yourselves – volumes of paperwork available to you. The process, for families, seeing, hearing, being there mostly every day for months and years to conclusion of them – they should die, but, hey he was "only seventeen," few months younger than my niece. How dare they use that term – "17 year old boy." Stop this madness – save time, money, anger – you must follow through with instilling, and leave the death penalty alive and do it – don't let them breath for 10 years and not do anything about it!!!

Throughout the long process, I went to court with clumps of hair falling in the courtroom due to two mastectomies. My only sibling (my brother Nicholas, not to exclude other families) was all I had – our parents both deceased. To say the least, I have become reclusive – to leave only for food and doctors. If I see one person per year – maybe two. The other families are forever with me – we keep in touch minimally. So much more to say – only to, please remember what these monsters and others have done when they kill and keep killing. Rid the world of them – don't feed them, clothe them, access to visits, don't let them breathe. How can you or people in objection of this law sympathize at all!!!? Four people (hundreds more) – how many lives does it take to end them? Were four not enough? Oh, I remember now – he was "only 17." What about his 32 year old partner (I believe he was that age then)? He had masterminded it and knew not to be the shooter – smart premeditated, planned, executed!! Talk to me – tell me it's inhumane.

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Tell Mr. Petit too. There are many of us out here. We have seen the horror – always will. Don't listen to their pleas; "I'm sorry..." they are only sorry they got caught. Their mothers gave birth to monsters! I missed the public meeting due to the fact that the article was in a small article corner of my newspaper – it was too late for me to be there – the article should have been publicized, at least front page and it was only given one day before hearing. I called that day – was told that would be the only public meeting. I will always be in seclusion – but, that day, you would've seen and definitely heard me. I will always be angry. I've worked since I was 14 – 3 long term good jobs. My brother worked so hard – even being somewhat disabled, never asking for help or complaining about pain he suffered. We, (father, brother and I with one old trunk containing our belongings) (imagine that) immigrated here from Italy. We had nothing – mother died when I was 3 years old – we were farmers – working themselves to the ground to feed us. My father, (the most hard working – no skills in the factory) died 3 days prior to his first pension check at 60 years old. He was the ultimate man!

The "reason" they say 4 people were killed was due to a \$400.00 debt and Nicky (my brother) refusing them access to his vehicle. I could go on but I'm sure you have thousands of other issues to consider.

Consider very deeply what killers do and why. The importance of this is to evil to say – no death penalty in the state of Connecticut. They are not suffering or sorry – stop them!! Don't waste money, housing, coddling, and cable (I've never had cable). When the death penalty is given – age should not matter. Do it within a month – that's even too long. Take what they have taken – their last breath.