

## Judiciary Committee Public Hearing

### SUPPORT of HB-6578 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR A CAPITAL FELONY

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

THE DEATH PENALTY MUST GO!!!

The death penalty is

- Ineffective as a deterrent;
- Expensive (it costs more than incarceration for life);
- Unfairly applied (the racial and socioeconomic data are appalling!)
- (for all of these there is more-than-ample evidence),

as well as cruel and inhumane, in my opinion, not just to the person in question but also to his or her family, and perhaps also very painful -- and, very importantly, Irreversible in case of a mistaken conviction of an innocent person -- of which there have been many.

To the best of my knowledge there is Not One valid reason for the death penalty. The death penalty represents revenge and retribution, not justice; killing person A does not bring back person B. Please, Please vote to end this blot on the face of the whole United States -- we are in the company of which other countries when we continue to use this?

Sincerely yours,

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