

Good Morning Senator Eric Coleman, Representative Gerald Fox and all members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Rubianne Mislick and I am here to speak about opposition of Bill 1035; An Act of Repealing the Death Penalty.

I come before you today, to share my views on the proposed abolishment of the death penalty. I am a person who believes in and lives through compassion. Weekly I participate in more volunteer efforts than I do paid hours.

Coming to speak about the death penalty today, took a large amount of consideration for me. This is not a topic to be taken lightly.

With that being said, I am also a person who believes in our rights. To me a human does not have the right to place the judgment of death on another human being, due to their feeling alone. I believe that in Ct we have fourteen people on death row, who have made these judgments themselves and have been convicted by a group of their peers, to be put to death.

An analytical mind would look at abolishing the death penalty as a way of creating more issues, rather than resolving them. I will skip the semantics of the very reasons we have the death penalty in place to begin with, as to not insult anyone's intelligence or to waste time.

I strongly feel that a large reform of our current policies are an absolute necessity. As a taxpayer I see the need to cut cost, but we can do it by preserving the rights of law abiding citizens. There are other states that successfully carry out the death penalty convictions in a timely, organized and financially responsible way. Please lets not be so arrogant as to not seek guidance from their proven success.

Other factors to consider if this is passed: All current death row inmates are filtered back into general population, granting them further rights, allowing harassment to Corrections Officers and endangering other inmates there for lesser crimes. Who knows where the tireless mind will stop, they have already gotten away with murder in a form.

I will end by quoting Elie Weisel, an opponent to the death penalty," Moral societies should not be agents of death" I could not agree with him more. But with being honest and truthful, we would not be here if we lived in a moral society.

I see no way to foster and create a moral society by removing a persons responsibility for their own actions. Thank you for you time.