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Regarding SB-280: An Act Revising the Penalty for Capital Felonies  
Judiciary Committee  
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My name is Timothy Anderson and I support SB 280, An Act Revising the Penalty for Capital Felonies. The death penalty has touched me in a number of ways.

I am also a son, parent and victim! My aunt Antoinette Joyner was murdered several years ago in New Haven, CT. As a licensed social worker, I presently work with sex offenders and homeless individuals. I have also worked with adults with disabilities and mentally challenged individuals. Having a great deal of knowledge and experience, I'm writing this letter truthfully, however an undying love for my people will always continue inside my soul.

The one thing I can tell you about the death penalty, it's a barbaric method to deprive human life and furthermore it's corrosive. It infects everything it touches especially humanity. Putting a human being to death must not continue under the death penalty. We must return to the blessing of our shores and continue not to drift in a sea of blood.

I did my civic duty; I sentenced a man to death. And I was one of the jurors who sentenced Joshua Komisarjevsky to death.

Looking back on my decision, what I did was ethically and morally wrong, not under the law, but for humanity. Cut no life short of its own life line, but let it fade by natural existence.

I did what you asked me to do, I am asking you the legislation committee to abolish the death penalty. Make sure that no juror has to do what I did. It is wrong for humanity!

Abolish the death penalty; we must work toward a better future. A social change for humanity, it's what I know to be morally right deep inside my soul, please change the path for humanity.

Thank you.

Sincerely;  
Timothy V. Anderson