Dear Representative X/Senator X,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I’m writing you today, as one of your constituents, to tell you about the serious concerns about the harm Ohio’s death penalty does to the prison staff and law enforcement.

The primary job of our prison staff and law enforcement officials is to keep our community safe. Many law enforcement officials have affirmed that they don’t need the death penalty to do their jobs correctly. In today’s world, keeping our citizens safe can already be a challenge without adding the weight of the dysfunctional death penalty on top of their responsibilities.

In addition, I’m concerned that we’re traumatizing the prison staff that carry out executions. In recent years, Ohio has experimented with our lethal injection procedure and it’s produced some gruesome results. I think we’re asking too much of the people charged with keeping us safe.

In April of 2014, the Task Force published its findings in the form of 56 recommendations. I urge you to carefully consider these recommendations. I firmly believe that repealing the death penalty is one of the most efficient ways to give more resources to law enforcement and make sure prison staff isn’t traumatized, but these recommendations will make the death penalty a little easier on these courageous individuals.

Thank you for your service to our community. I know I can trust you to do what’s best for Ohio.

Sincerely,

Your Name