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 families of murder victims.

Although I’m not a murder victim family member myself, I was actually surprised to learn that more and more victims’ families are against the death penalty. Many of them realize that a death sentence beings decades of uncertainty and unwanted media attention that doesn’t help the healing process at all.

When I think about our criminal justice system, one of the most important things we should do as a society is to provide for the families of victims. The death penalty is complicating these family’s lives when they need peace. I think we can do better.

In April of 2014, the Task Force published its findings in the form of 56 recommendations. I urge you to carefully consider these recommendations. Although I think repealing the death penalty is the only way to truly help the families of victims, these recommendations will make the death penalty a little easier on these families.

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

Sincerely,

Your Name