

# Take Action!

OHIOANS TO  
STOP EXECUTIONS 

# Ohio Does Not Need Executions!

The first execution in nearly three years is scheduled for January 12, 2017. Ronald Phillips is scheduled to be executed as punishment for his murder of Sheila Marie Evans. By any measure this was a terrible crime for which he must be held accountable. We can do that without killing him.

Please call Governor John Kasich to urge him to commute Ronald Phillips's sentence to death by incarceration, NOT execution – by changing his sentence to 'Life in prison with no possibility of parole.'

## Gov. John Kasich

# 614-466-3555

Please also send a note in the postal mail:

Governor John Kasich  
Riffe Center, 30th Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

If asked, please make the following points:

- Ronald Phillips has already served 24 years on Ohio's death row
- His co-defendant receive a lesser sentence and has died in prison
- A true life without parole sentence was not available until three years after this crime occurred. It is possible that a jury would have recommended that sentence if available
- Please also note that executions should not be allowed to resume in Ohio until the recommendations of the Supreme Court Task Force on the Administration of Ohio's Death Penalty have been implemented. These 56 recommendations are intended to make Ohio's death penalty more fair and accurate.

## BACKGROUND

In the three years since the last execution in Ohio, there has not been a spike in violent crime in Ohio or nationally. No prisoners on Ohio's death row have escaped or killed anyone in prison, and the public is not clamoring for a resumption of executions. In fact, dangerous criminals are being held accountable and the public is being kept safe from them without resorting to executions. Nationally and in Ohio, the use of the death penalty is trending downward.

Meanwhile, the legislature has yet to consider most of the 56 recommendations of the Supreme Court Joint Task Force on the Administration of Ohio's Death Penalty. These recommendations were intended to ensure fairness and accuracy in Ohio's death penalty. To date, most have not been discussed in any legislative forum.