



CONSERVATIVES CONCERNED

MOMENTUM BUILDS TO END PENNSYLVANIA'S DEATH PENALTY

In 2015, Gov. Tom Wolf announced a moratorium on executions. Current Gov. Josh Shapiro called on the General Assembly to repeal the death penalty.

State Rep. Russ Diamond (R) introduced a bill removing the death penalty as a sentencing option, leaving life without parole as the mandatory sentence for first-degree murder.

PENNSYLVANIA IN NUMBERS

3

Executions since 1976

13

Exonerations

1999

Year of last execution

103

Still on death row

PENNSYLVANIA'S DEATH PENALTY: PLAGUED WITH FLAWS



Over **60% of all death sentences** imposed in the state have been **overturned** by state or federal courts.



The three prisoners executed since 1978 have all been volunteers with **serious mental health issues**, whom courts found **waived their rights** to an appeals process.



A whopping **58% of Pennsylvanians support alternatives** to capital punishment.



Due to an onerous automatic death warrant statute, courts have **stayed more than 95% of warrants** in PA.



CONSERVATIVES CONCERNED

HOW EXPENSIVE IS THE DEATH PENALTY IN PENNSYLVANIA?



Studies show that ongoing appellate litigation involving Pennsylvania death row inmates has cost taxpayers nearly \$1 billion since 1978.

DON'T VICTIMS' FAMILIES WANT THE DEATH PENALTY?



Many family members of victims often advocate against the death penalty in their loved ones' cases. Because the death penalty process takes so long (routinely 30+ years), they often speak of their relief about being able to grieve their loved one without the stress of appeals.

WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE DEATH PENALTY?



Removing the death penalty as a sentencing option would leave life imprisonment without the possibility of parole as the mandatory sentence for first-degree murder. Ending the death penalty does not mean erasing accountability or excusing violence.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?



Join Conservatives Concerned, a network of political and social conservatives who question the alignment of capital punishment with conservative principles and values.



@CCATDP



/conservativesconcerned



@conservativesconcerned



more info