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Testimony in support of SB 103
Ending Ohio's Death Penalty

To Members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Sister Marian Durkin and I am a Sister of Charity of St. Augustine. Our motherhouse is in Richfield, Ohio.

I have opposed the death penalty for many years. For me it is a moral issue and goes against the teachings of my faith and my personal commitment to the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death.

I know Nikki Antonio personally and am so proud of her and Senator Huffman for being the primary sponsors of this bill. As I sense that abolition of the death penalty in our state is growing I am more hopeful today than ever that Ohio is ready to say "no more".

Along with other states and other countries, let Ohio find effective ways to protect our society by justly punishing offenders through non-lethal means. This is my hope. This is my prayer.

Thank you.

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