

Hearing on HB 2167 to End the Death Penalty  
February 13, 2017  
House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2167 SUBMITTED BY WILMA LOGANBILL**

Dear Chairman Jennings and Committee Members,

PLEASE! Be KIND to victims. KILL the death penalty. The death penalty does nothing to help victims' families like myself, and that's why it is important to pass HB 2167. My son was murdered in Wichita in 1989. My first reaction was to hurt the offender like he had hurt me and my family. I was very angry and hurt. I wanted revenge.

I have learned that the legal system is geared more toward the offender than the victims. Each time there was a court hearing I was taken back to the time of the crime and my loss. It was like pouring salt on a wound. Once the sentence was given and I knew the offender was locked up and could not hurt again I could begin to heal and find my new normal.

With the death penalty there are court hearings and more court hearings. The victims are continually taken back to the time of the crime with their agony and pain relived again and again. They are prohibited from working on their healing process because the issue is not resolved. They know there will be MORE court hearings. There is no end.

Most victims don't want anyone else to be hurt like they are. Instead of the death penalty use a life sentence WITH NO possibility of parole. I am grateful the death penalty was not available at the time of my son's death.

Thank you for listening to me.

Wilma Loganbill, Mother of a son I can no longer hug, talk to, see or be with. I will always miss him.

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