

HEARING ON HB 2282 TO REPEAL THE DEATH PENALTY
House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
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Testimony in Support of HB 2282
Submitted by Dalton Glasscock

Dear Chairman Jennings and Members of the Committee:

I write to you today as a proud conservative Republican who stands staunchly opposed to the death penalty and encourages you to vote in the affirmative in support of HB 2282.

Like many of you, I've wrestled with this issue. However, when presented with the facts regarding acquittals, cost, and having the chance to speak to those most directly affected; murder victim families, there was no option but to fight for the cause of abolition.

It has just been four years since the Kansas Federation of College Republicans unanimously voted to call for the repeal of the death penalty and since that day Republicans across this state have begun to reexamine their views on the death penalty. I believe that the death penalty conflicts with conservative values. The death penalty is costly, incompatible with a culture of life, and unnecessary.

Young conservatives like myself recognize that our broken and fallible system of capital punishment in no way matches up with our conservative values. By ending the death penalty, Kansas has an opportunity to promote a culture of life and fiscal responsibility. As Republicans, as Democrats, as Kansans – whether young or old – this is a smart reform that we should all support.

Ad Astra,

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