



Statement of Support and Organizational Affiliation

Mission

The Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (TCADP) is a statewide, grassroots membership organization working to end the death penalty in Texas. TCADP engages in outreach, education, and advocacy aimed at raising awareness of issues related to the death penalty and mobilizing the citizens of Texas - and their elected officials - to support abolition. We invite your organization to stand with us on this issue.

Background

In recent years, there has been a consistent downward trend in the number of new death sentences across the country and in Texas. The number of new death sentences remained at a historic low level in 2011, with just eight death sentences statewide. A growing number of Texans are moving away from the death penalty in recognition that

- The death penalty costs millions of dollars of county and state resources;
- The death penalty does not deter crime;
- The death penalty is imposed in an arbitrary and discriminatory manner;
- There are a growing number of known cases of wrongful conviction and increasing evidence that there have been wrongful executions; and
- The State of Texas has alternative sentences that punish the truly guilty and protect society without resorting to the death penalty.

Statement of Support

By signing below, we join the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (TCADP) and others in publicly supporting their efforts to abolish the death penalty in our state. We recognize that the sole mission of TCADP is to repeal the death penalty in Texas. We understand that our organization will be listed as a supporter of TCADP and its mission on the TCADP website and in other publications. We agree to inform our members of our affiliation with this campaign and invite them to be active participants.

Organization: _____

Name and Title of Representative: _____

Signature and Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email Address: _____

*Please send completed form to:
TCADP Office
2709 South Lamar
Austin, TX 78704*

See www.tcadp.org or www.deathpenaltyinfo.org for detailed facts and figures on the death penalty.