



Statement of Support and Organizational Affiliation

Mission

The Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (TCADP) is a statewide, grassroots advocacy organization working to end the death penalty in Texas. TCADP raises awareness of issues related to the death penalty and mobilizes the citizens of Texas - and our elected officials - to support abolition. We invite your organization to stand with us on this issue.

Background

Over the last 15 years, there has been a consistent decline in the number of new death sentences and executions across the country and in Texas. Texans are moving away from the death penalty in recognition that

- The death penalty costs millions of dollars in county and state resources;
- The death penalty does not deter crime;
- The death penalty is imposed in an arbitrary and unfair manner;
- More than 150 people have been released from death rows nationwide due to evidence of their wrongful conviction; this includes 12 people in Texas;
- There is increasing evidence that there have been wrongful executions; and
- The State of Texas has alternative means to 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 other partners 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:
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See www.tcadp.org or www.deathpenaltyinfo.org for detailed facts and figures on the death penalty.