



## 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. Our campaign entails working collaboratively with local, state, and national partners to reduce executions and death sentences in Texas and damage the death penalty brand. Our approach includes strategic communications, engagement of voices of experience, public education and outreach, legislative advocacy, and support of litigation strategies.

### Background

The death penalty landscape in Texas has changed dramatically over the last decade as both death sentences and executions decline. 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 160 people have been released from death rows nationwide due to evidence of their wrongful conviction (this includes 13 people in Texas); 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

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See [www.tcadp.org](http://www.tcadp.org) for detailed facts and figures on the death penalty.