

WHY WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY

INEFFECTIVE DETERRENT

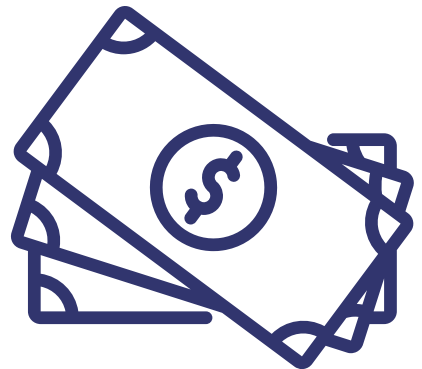
The death penalty does not keep us safe. There is **no convincing or conclusive evidence** that the death penalty is an effective deterrent for violent crime.

Since 1973, **16 people** convicted and sentenced to death in Texas have been exonerated, and there is **strong evidence** that Texas has executed innocent people.

INACCURATE SYSTEM

BURDEN ON TEXAS TAXPAYERS

The **cost** of an average death penalty case is **nearly three times higher** than imprisoning someone for life without the possibility of parole. Experts agree these resources would be better spent on victim services and effective public safety tools.



THE DEATH PENALTY DOES NOT ALIGN WITH CONSERVATIVE VALUES



THE LIMITED GOVERNMENT VIEW

The government's power should be **restrained**, yet the death penalty gives the government **ultimate power** over its people, including **innocent people**.



THE SANCTITY OF LIFE VIEW

All life is **precious** – from conception until the moment of **natural death**; the death penalty is a **direct contradiction** to **pro-life** values.

ARBITRARY ENFORCEMENT



Use of the death penalty is **isolated** to a small number of Texas counties. **More than half of Texas counties** have never sent anyone to death row, creating an arbitrary system of justice that **depends more on geography** than the nature of the **crime**.

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