SAMPLE LETTER TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Date

Representative/Senator

Address

City, State, Zip

Dear Representative/Senator _____,

Thank you for your service to (state) and for your willingness to tackle the difficult issues facing our state.

As your constituent, I am deeply concerned about the use of the death penalty in (state), particularly the way it disproportionately affects the poor and African Americans; its financial costs to taxpayers, and the fact that it continues to risk executing an innocent person.

Because of the necessarily long and complicated process of securing and maintaining a death sentence, murder victims' family members are also stuck reliving the worst moment of their lives for decades while alternative sentences like life without parole would at least provide them with some legal finality.

For all these reasons, I believe (state) should repeal the death penalty and use the savings to support victims' families. I would like to hear from you about whether you would support death penalty repeal legislation in (state)

Thank you,

(Signature here)

Your Name

Your Address