

I am opposed to the reinstatement of the Death Penalty in NH for any offense, period. We like to think the judicial system is perfect, but it is not. We like to think we do not make mistakes, but we do. I cannot in good conscience let one person be sentenced to death when there is the potential that person is innocent. In addition, I think there are some people who would prefer to escape the rigors of a long jail sentence by dying which for them becomes a form of escape. Further many studies have verified that the death penalty is more costly for the State than a long prison sentence. The NH budget does not need any more unnecessary expenses. A life term with no parole provides protection for the public. New Hampshire has not executed anyone for 87 years and I cannot think of a single reason we should begin again now. Thank you.