

Please support legislation creating an Objective Death Penalty Study Commission with an Execution Moratorium during the study

WHY? Questions are being raised concerning the death penalty system in Missouri.

We've got Questions. We Need Answers.

Question #5

Is the death penalty a cost-effective way of dealing with violent crime?

- A number of states are finding that, when considering all the costs associated with capital cases, maintaining a prisoner for life is less expensive than execution.
- Missouri public-safety agencies are cutting their budgets. In 2009, KC Police did not fill 100 positions as part of a strategy to close a \$15 million budget gap.¹ Greene County officials are considering a prosecutor lay-off and not filing charges in certain cases to rein in expenses.²
- 500 Police chiefs in a 2009 national survey, ranked the death penalty as the least effective means of reducing violent crime and as the least efficient use of taxpayer dollars. They identified increasing the number of police officers, reducing drug abuse and creating more jobs as much more effective measures.³
- A Missouri Public Defender can represent more than 18 defendants charged with murder in one year. Add the legal complexities of seeking the death penalty and that number drops to 3.⁴

How should public tax dollars be spent to stop violent crime?

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Because the Ultimate Punishment Deserves Study

Moratorium Now! is a campaign of almost 400 Missouri organizations, houses of worship and businesses calling for a moratorium on executions while Missouri's death penalty is studied.

For more information and citations, please visit www.MoratoriumNow.net

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