

How to Write Your NH Legislator

1. IDENTIFY YOUR LEGISLATOR

A. The QUICKER WAY. Write your Representatives and Senator directly from the internet by going to: tinyurl.com/pass-NH-DP-Repeal-online (URLs are not case sensitive)

B. THE SLOWER WAY (regular mail or email). Locate your legislators' contact information online. You can find links for identifying your legislator at:

<http://nodeathpenaltynh.org/contact-your-legislator/>

Or you can go directly to these links:

- **Who is your Representative?** Go to: tinyurl.com/who-is-my-NHrep
Representatives' addresses and emails: go to: tinyurl.com/NHrep-contact

If you live in Manchester or Nashua, you will need to figure out which ward you live in before using the link above. **For Manchester, go here:** tinyurl.com/Manchester-Wards

For Nashua, go here: tinyurl.com/Nashua-Wards

- **Who is your Senator?** Go to: tinyurl.com/who-is-my-NHsenator
Senators' addresses and emails: Go to: tinyurl.com/NHsenate-contact

2. COMPOSE A PERSONAL MESSAGE

Tell your legislator why you oppose the death penalty and why it should be repealed. Keep it short and simple and don't try to cover every point for repeal. And be polite by asking that they consider your points, rather than demand they see things your way.

You may want to consider using a couple of the following points. We highly recommend putting these into your own words.

- A Death Penalty Repeal bill is being introduced by a bipartisan group of legislators for the upcoming legislative session.
- There is no conclusive proof that the death penalty deters violent crime or makes our communities safer. Life in prison without parole is sufficient punishment for murderers.
- The legal costs for death penalty cases are 3 to 5 times more than incarceration. NH has spent over \$5 million on the Addison case so far, compared with about \$35,000 per year for incarceration. Our tax money could be better spent on victim services and cold cases.
- Killing another person for any reason is immoral. Why do we kill those who kill to show that killing is wrong?
- The government should not be in the position of executing its citizens. Moreover, guards, doctors, nurses and prison wardens who are forced to execute prisoners often suffer PTSD for years.
- The drawn-out court cases and appeals elevates the story of the killer while it denies the real victims the healing and closure they need.
- As long as the death penalty is an option, there is a real and unacceptable risk of executing an innocent person.
- The death penalty is racially and economically biased. All over the US, statistics show that if you are poor and from a minority community, you are much more likely to receive the death sentence for the same crime than if you are white and wealthy.

IMPORTANT!

It helps our grassroots efforts immensely if we know when constituents reach out to their legislators. Please visit tinyurl.com/NH-Repeal-Legislator-Contacts to let us know who you wrote to and when.

THANK YOU!