

# NM Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty Organizational Support Statement

We support replacing the death penalty with a sentence of life without the possibility of parole for people convicted of those categories of murder which are currently subject to the death penalty. We also support restitution for the family members of murder victims:

WHEREAS, when murder happens it is the family of the victim that suffers the longest, and

WHEREAS, victims' families need help to rebuild their lives after suffering tragedy and trauma, and

WHEREAS, the death penalty diverts millions of dollars a year of state resources into an unfair, unreliable, and unnecessary capital punishment system, and

WHEREAS, convicted murderers deserve the toughest of sentences, and our communities require the best protection.

THEREFORE, we join the New Mexico Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty and others in publicly supporting legislation that replaces the death penalty with life without parole and provides an innovative package of services for murder victims' families, including the Catastrophic Family Leave Act that encourages victim participation in the criminal justice system.

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