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Dear Attorney General Bondi:

On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed an Executive Order titled “Restoring the Death Penalty and Protecting Public Safety.” Implementation of this measure is vital to Ohio.

Currently, an awful status quo exists in Ohio that allows most ruthless killers to receive a death sentence with little fear that the punishment will be carried out. Ohio’s last execution took place on July 18, 2018. To underscore the lengthy delays that have become the standard in our state, I am providing a [link](#) to my office’s latest Capital Crimes Report.

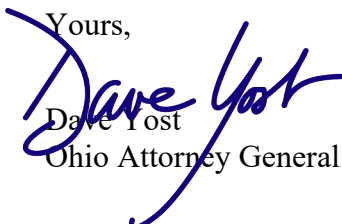
President Trump rightfully highlights in his Executive Order that “for too long, politicians and judges who oppose capital punishment have defied and subverted the laws of our country.” I wholly agree. Just as judges and politicians should not be allowed to subvert our country’s laws based on their moral scruples, private CEOs and pharmaceutical boards cannot be allowed to impede the laws of our nation or state through threats of divestment or retaliation. Unfortunately, this is precisely what’s happening in Ohio.

Just last month, the governor [announced the postponement](#) of three executions scheduled in 2025 to dates in 2028. The reprieves were issued “due to ongoing problems involving the willingness of pharmaceutical suppliers to provide drugs to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC), pursuant to DRC protocol, without endangering other Ohioans.”

This is unacceptable, and, without the assistance of the federal government, Ohio’s situation is unlikely to change. My office stands ready to work with your team on all lawful and necessary actions to ensure that a sufficient supply of drugs is made available as soon as possible. I welcome your assistance on this matter and applaud President Trump’s strong leadership in highlighting this area of significant need in Ohio.

As your office works to implement the President’s vision, I hope you will rely on me for any assistance you might need in this endeavor.

Yours,


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