

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 3, 2023

The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Garland:

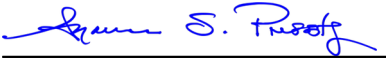
We write as cosponsors of the Federal Death Penalty Prohibition Act, S. 582 and H.R.262. We endorse the views expressed by lead sponsors Senator Durbin and Representative Pressley in their November 28, 2022 comment¹ to the Department of Justice's Request for Information on Manner of Execution Regulations (Docket No. OLP 171).

We urge you to rescind all of the November 27, 2020 amendments to the regulations governing the manner of federal executions. And we join them in further urging you to continue the moratorium on federal executions which you put in place on July 1, 2021—including by withdrawing all pending death notices, and by authorizing no new death notices.

As our colleagues have stated, “the time for this action has come.” Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

¹ Attached; also available at <https://www.regulations.gov/comment/DOJ-OLP-2022-0003-0004>.



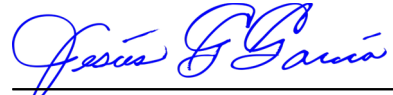
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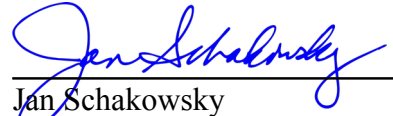
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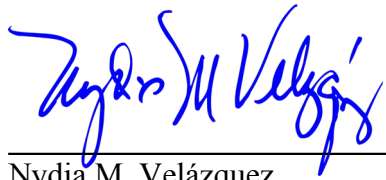
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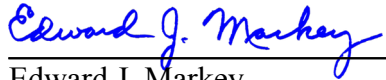
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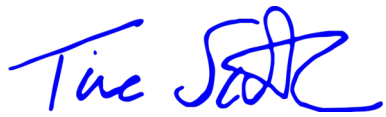
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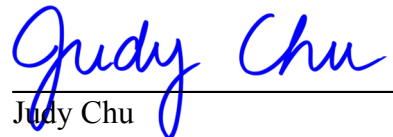
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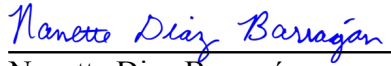
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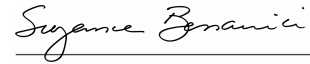
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