

Families That Matter

Family members sharing a common hardship, a loved one who has been on Ohio's death row.

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Dear Governor Taft,

As family members of death row residents we understand the pain, heartache and terror that families presently facing a clemency hearing are involved in. Therefore we ask you to consider our voices on the John Spirko case.

We ask you to reserve your judgment on this life or death decision right now. We ask you to allow the legal process that he is involved in to come to its natural, legal and proper fruition. As Spirko's lawyers plead, "grant a reprieve to allow the process pending in federal court to be completed in an orderly manner before making an ultimate clemency decision."

Sincerely,

Marie Beuke, mother of Michael Beuke who resides on Ohio's death row
Lisa Davis, Cathy and James McGee, Pat Jenkins, Tracey Jenkins, family of
Jerome Campbell who received clemency June 2003
Mary Elizabeth Hill, mother of Genesis Hill who resides on Ohio's Death row
Carol Parcell, Ria Jones, Diane Morretti, family of Brett Hartmann who resides
on Ohio's death row