

Death Penalty Not Answer: Exonerated Inmate Nate Fields

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From death row to hero: How Randy Steidl became the face of capital punishment repeal

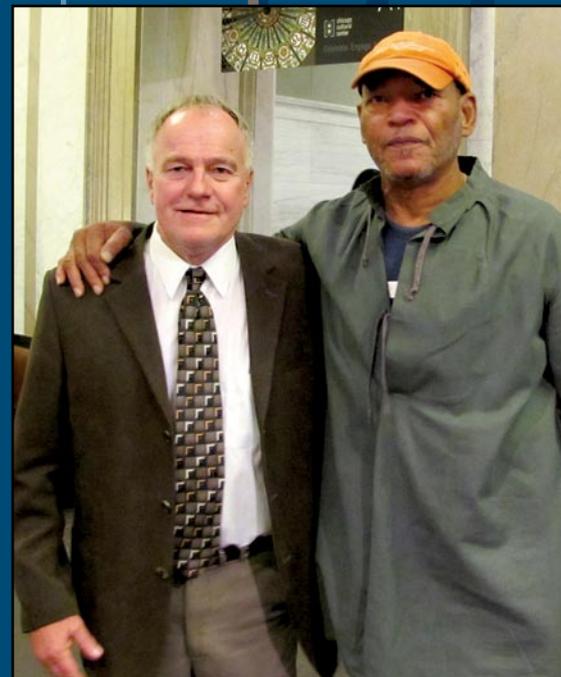
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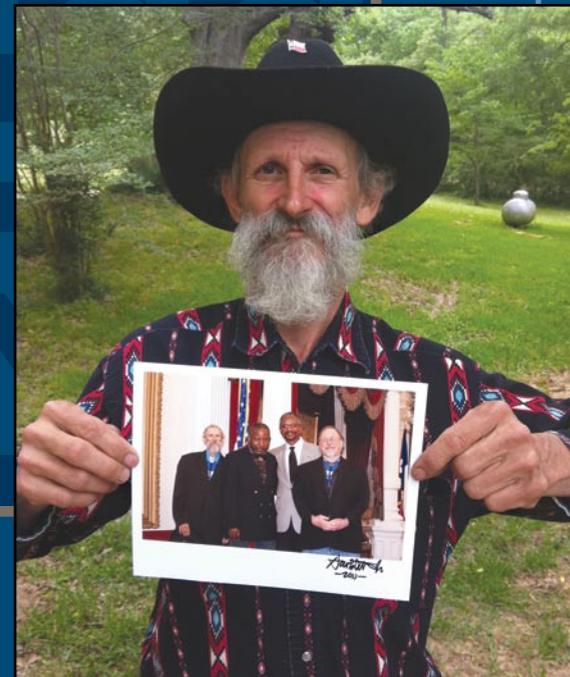
Wrongfully convicted urge US governor to repeal death penalty

Newstalk 1290 CJBK, February 14, 2011



24 death row survivors speak at Virginia event

The Washington Examiner, June 11, 2011



Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn abolishes death penalty, clears death row

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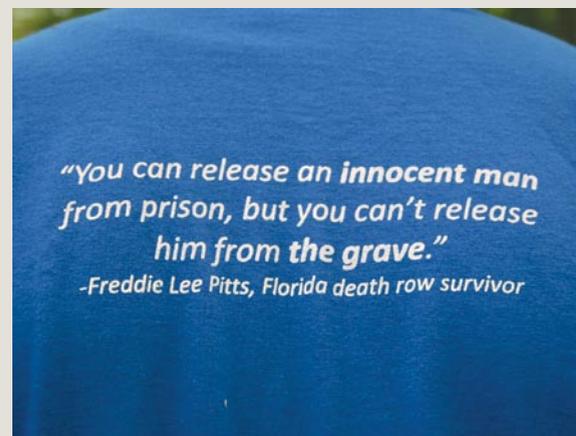
Barack Obama, President of the United States

"Regardless of how each of us might feel about the death penalty, there is a common value that I believe everyone shares: no innocent person should end up on death row."



Statement from Illinois Governor Pat Quinn on Signing Abolition Bill

"Today I have signed Senate Bill 3539, which abolishes the death penalty in Illinois...As a state, we cannot tolerate the executions of innocent people because such actions strike at the very legitimacy of a government. Since 1977, Illinois has seen 20 people exonerated from death row...That is a record that should trouble us all. To say that this is unacceptable does not even begin to express the profound regret and shame we, as a society, must bear for these failures of justice."



Sam Millsap, Former District Attorney, Bexar County (San Antonio), Texas

"I spent two days at a retreat center near Valley Forge, Pa., with Witness to Innocence and 15 men who have one thing in common with each other: each of them was convicted of capital murder; each of them spent years – some more than 20 years – on death row. They have all been exonerated. They are the living faces of the death penalty; they are free today and ready to tell America about the human cost of the death penalty. They know better than we ever will about a system that, on its best day, is driven by decisions that are made by ordinary people who do their best to get it right but who, because they're like us, sometimes make mistakes. They can also tell our friends about the human wreckage that is produced by a system that, on its worst day, is corrupted by misconduct, incompetent lawyers, junk science, jailhouse snitches, mistaken eyewitness testimony, and racism."

Richard C. Dieter, Executive Director, Death Penalty Information Center

"The decline in death sentences and executions, and the turning away from the death penalty by some states, is due in large part to the public's exposure to people who have been freed from death row...Many people have seen news coverage of an innocence case. But to meet and hear the story of an actual person who has emerged from that experience with a positive story to tell is a mind-changing experience for many people...Witness to Innocence provides empowerment and a strong organization to the ever-increasing group of people who have been freed from death row."

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