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January 13, 2011

TO: Governor Quinn
FROM: Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago
RE: Illinois Death Penalty

January 13, 2011

Governor Quinn:

The Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago urges you to sign the legislation abolishing the death penalty in Illinois.

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About the Council of Religious Leaders

The Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago (CRLMC) was founded 25 years ago, at a time when racial tensions and social injustices were on the rise, and a group of religious leaders in Chicago recognized the growing need to understand cultural and religious differences and learn how to work together. His Eminence the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago, called together the leaders of the Episcopal, Greek Orthodox and Protestant Churches, along with the Chicago Board of Rabbis to form the Council. Today the Council gathers an even greater diversity of religious leaders and institutions, enriched by the participation of such as Mormon, Muslim and Quaker faith communities, the Community Renewal Society and the Chicago Center for Cultural Connections (formerly the National Conference of Christians and Jews, NCCJ, and most recently leaders of the Baha'i, Hindu, Jain, Sikh and Zoroastrian traditions. To the best of our knowledge, CRLMC is unique as a continuing inter-religious organization in the nation and likely in the world. By uniting the churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, and other religious assemblies, CRLMC seeks to present a unified vision and voice on issues affecting the common good of the people of Chicago.

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