Stop the execution of Steven Oken! Moratorium Now!

We the undersigned call on Maryland Governor Glendening to stop the execution of Steven Oken and to impose a moratorium on all executions. Steven is the first of five people that could face execution in 2002 in Maryland -- that is more executions in one year than have occurred in Maryland since 1943.

Also, Steven was already serving a sentence of Life without the Possibility of Parole when he was given a death sentence for the murder of Dawn Garvin. It is barbaric to kill a man who was never going to walk the streets again. Steven's death will not stop crime and it will not stop the pain experienced by the Garvin family -- it will only cause more pain for Steven's family.

Plenty of evidence exists to indicate that Maryland's system of capital punishment is rife with problems -- disparities in sentencing, possibly innocent inmates, and evidence of racism continue to plague Maryland's death penalty. We must not resume executions while such disparities exist!

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