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Omaha Police Officers' Association Statement on Death Penalty Debate

At this time there is a heated debate occurring about the Unicameral's passage of a bill repealing Nebraska's death penalty.

The Omaha Police Officers' Association wants to make our position clear.

We believe that a total repeal is inappropriate. At a minimum the death penalty should be an option when a first responder or elected official is murdered, or the crimes are so heinous that they may warrant the ultimate penalty.

For several years the carrying out of the death penalty was in limbo as elected officials and the courts sorted out the legality of the method and procedures for applying the death penalty. This is no longer the case. Governor Ricketts recently announced that Nebraska will soon have the drugs necessary for lethal injection.

This issue is far too important to be decided by 33 Senators, many of whom who were elected while telling their voters they supported the death penalty. Rather, such an important issue should be decided by all the voters of Nebraska in a statewide ballot vote.

Due to the recent death of Officer Kerrie Orozco, this will be the only statement made on the issue prior to Tuesday's services.

The Omaha Police Officers' Association represents over 750 professional men and women protecting and serving Omaha.

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