VERMONTERS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

To: Vermont Governor James Douglas and Members of the Vermont State Legislature

PETITION TO RE-AFFIRM THE ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE STATE OF VERMONT

Whereas:

- The last person executed by the state of Vermont was in 1954.
- The last death sentence imposed by a Vermont court was in 1957. Six months later the sentence was commuted.
- In 1965 the Vermont State Legislature effectively outlawed capital punishment, with full statutory abolition in1987.
- Currently, the US Attorney's Office is prosecuting a death penalty case in Vermont and

Whereas:

- The death penalty is the ultimate violation of human rights. It diminishes each of us and should never be used by any government.

Therefore:

We, the undersigned residents of the State of Vermont, are proud that our state has abolished the death penalty and we re-affirm this ban, calling for it to be observed in all cases, both state and federal.

Name (Printed)	Address	Signature