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Ross Geiger had doubts about recommending a death sentence 20 years ago for a convicted Ohio killer, concerned about the impact of the offenders tough childhood on his behavior.

But ultimately, Geiger voted in favor of death for Raymond Tibbetts for killing a Cincinnati man he was staying with.

Today, Geiger has changed his mind. After reviewing documents made available during Tibbetts clemency appeal last year, Geiger believes he and other jurors were misled about the truly terrible conditions of Tibbetts upbringing.

On Jan. 30, Geiger asked Gov. [John Kasich](#) to spare Tibbetts, who is set for execution Feb. 13.

After reviewing the material, from the perspective of an original juror, I have deep concerns about the trial and the way it transpired, Geiger wrote in a letter to the governor. This is why I am asking you to be merciful.

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