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Ohioans to Stop Executions mourns the passing of our friend and colleague, retired Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director Terry Collins.

Terry was a dear friend and colleague, said OTSE Executive Director Kevin Werner. He was thoughtful, honest and so generous sharing his experience and counsel. Terry stood up and advocated for the things he believed in, especially in his work to end the death penalty. We are a better organization for having known him and seeing him lead by example. We will miss his friendship, quick wit and his uncanny ability to make the most complex things simple. Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda and the entire family.

Terry Collins never missed an opportunity to share his perspectives on the death penalty, and he was one of the most sought-after Voices of Experience on the OTSE team. [A high quality video \(18 minutes\) of his typical presentation is here.](#)

Terry was to have been the keynote speaker at OTSEs upcoming [Death Penalty Lobby Day](#) at the Ohio Statehouse on April 12th. Plans for an appropriate tribute to Terry and his leadership are under way and will be announced in the coming weeks.

Terry published his most recent op-ed about the death penalty, [The Death Penalty Isnt Worth Fixing](#), at the invitation of WCPO in Cincinnati on February 24th. In that he referenced his association with the newly established national project, [Public Safety Officials on the Death Penalty](#).

OTSE staff member Abraham Bonowitz worked very closely with Terry over the past several years. He posted a reflection on Terrys work to end executions on the [OTSE website](#).

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