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Ohio has taken a major step toward recognizing the role of serious mental health impairments in our [criminal justice system](#).

[People with severe mental illness will no longer be executed by the state, thanks to a bill approved by the legislature and signed by Gov. Mike DeWine.](#)

I am grateful to those legislators who championed this recommendation of the Ohio Supreme Courts Joint Task Force into law. During my tenure as a Justice on the Ohio Supreme Court, I long believed that the Ohio General Assembly should exempt people with serious mental illness from the death penalty.

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