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**Sample petition:**

**Petition**

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| **Requested by: \*\*** | ACLU of Virginia |

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| **Title: \*\*** | Stop executions in Virginia from being carried out in secrecy |

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| **Submit button text: \*\*** | ACT NOW |

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| **Goal Bar \*\*** | **Include  Do Not Include**  How many signatures are required to meet this goal?  1,000  Minimum total signatures required to show progress.  25  Starter message (This message is displayed when minimum numbers have not been met.) |

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| **Landing page content \*\***  This content will appear above the petition form. It should be a brief summary of the petition with a clear, compelling call to action. |
| The Virginia Department of Corrections (DOC) literally drew a curtain over the death penalty more than a year ago by preventing witnesses from being able to see the inmate walk into the execution room or be prepped for injections. In addition, state law shields providers of execution drugs from scrutiny by prohibiting them from being identified to the public. The ACLU of Virginia opposes the death penalty and advocates for its full abolishment. However, as long as it exists in Virginia, it must be done in the open.  We need to speak up and demand transparency before another execution is carried out under layers of secrecy. The American Bar Association (ABA) in 2015 laid out its recommendations for a transparent process, and at the very least, our state government should comply with its recommendations.    Please tell Gov. Ralph Northam to direct the DOC to change its execution protocols immediately to fully comply with the ABA standards of transparency. |

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| **Petition Message\*\*** |
| **To Gov. Ralph Northam:**  We must prevent more executions from happening under layers of secrecy. Until the death penalty is completely abolished in Virginia, please take the following three steps to ensure a transparent process in keeping with the American Bar Association’s (ABA) death penalty transparency [resolution](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/committees/death_penalty_representation/resources/dp-policy/execution-transparency-2015.html):   * Direct the Department of Corrections (DOC) to make its full “Execution Manual” available to the public. * Require the DOC to follow procedures ensuring that witnesses who are required by law to be present as stand-ins for the public can view the entire procedure from its start to its deadly end. * Advocate for repeal of a law that prohibits the DOC from making public information about the drugs used in lethal injections and their sources.   Finally, as an empathetic human being and a physician bound by an oath to do no harm, we respectfully request that you lead a re-examination of Virginia’s gruesome past and present regarding the death penalty and join us in advocating for its repeal. |

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| **Recent Signer List: \*\*** | Choose whether petition signers can opt-in to having their name displayed on the petition page.  **Include  Do Not Include** |

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| **Custom URL\*\***  All URL’s start with www.aclu.org/secure/[AffiliateCode]. They are also case sensitive so they should be in lower case.  Example: www.aclu.org/petition/ga\_2013\_bill\_of\_rights\_dinner |
| /petition/death-penalty-transparency-2018 |

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| **Expiration Date and redirect or message** **\*\*** |
| ☐X Never Expire form ☐ Expire on Date: Click here to enter a date.  Redirect to:  Or message for expired page: |

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| **Social Share Settings \*\***  Social share buttons show up on the confirmation page. If you would like to have people share your petition, please provide the content below for Twitter, Facebook and Email sharing. |
| **Twitter:** |
| We need full transparency for the death penalty in VA. Sign this petition to @GovernorVA before another person is executed under layers of secrecy! |
| **Facebook:** |
| Facebook Title: Petition Gov. Northam for full transparency for the death penalty.  Facebook Description: We need full transparency for the death penalty in Virginia. Sign this petition to Gov. Northam before another person is executed under layers of secrecy!  \*\*\*\*\*If you would like a specific image to be shared, please attach an image with your request.\*\*\*\*\* |
| **Email:** |
| Email Subject line: We need full transparency for the death penalty in Virginia  Email Message:  Friend,  I just signed an ACLU of Virginia petition asking Gov. Ralph Northam for full transparency in the death penalty. At present, witnesses are denied the opportunity to observe the entire process. And, identities of compounding pharmacies that make the lethal injection drugs are shielded from public disclosure, so we don’t even know where the drugs are coming from.  Will you sign this petition with me?  acluva.org/petition/death-penalty-transparency-2018  Thanks! |

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| **Confirmation Email\*\***  **Give a good closing argument, thank constituent for taking action and provide for more opportunities to engage using hyperlinks, even if it’s back to your website. Also, use this opportunity to promote other actions or events.**  **Disable confirmation email** |
| Thank you for taking action to protect civil liberties in Virginia. This is an important issue and your lawmakers need to hear from you.  Take the next step and share this petition with your friends:  Share on Twitter | Share on Facebook |

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| **Right Column Heading** **\*\***  Please update if you would like to change the text in the right column above the petition message. There is a 22 character limit in this field. |
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