

THE GIBBONS FUND

OUR FIRST THREE YEARS

REPEAL, STATE BY STATE



Since the Gibbons Fund was launched, two states—New Hampshire and Washington—have ended the death penalty, and one, California, has suspended all executions. New Hampshire repealed its death penalty in May 2019. EJUSA partnered with the New Hampshire Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and numerous organizations and individuals. Together, we bridged partisan divides and even overrode a veto by the governor. The Granite State is the ninth to repeal the death penalty since 2007 and clear proof of momentum. Working in the trenches, educating the public, mobilizing advocates—YOUR support makes it possible.

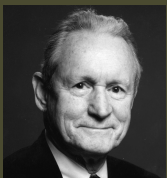
The Gibbons Fund for Justice at EJUSA is named in memory of Judge John J. Gibbons, former Chief Judge of the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals. The Fund was started by the Judge and his family to honor his legacy and support EJUSA's work to achieve his dream of ending the death penalty.

BY THE NUMBERS

8 EXECUTIONS STOPPED over three years with EJUSA support.

415 LAWMAKERS voted to end the death penalty in 2019.

737 EXECUTIONS SUSPENDED in California thanks to the most sweeping moratorium in the country.



"It is horrible that in a civilized country the arbitrary imposition of revenge continues to exist...We should be ashamed."

Judge John J. Gibbons, The New York Times, 2004

FIGHTING FEDERAL EXECUTIONS

In mid-2019 the U.S. Department of Justice announced plans to resume executions after a 16-year hiatus. EJUSA fought back with force. Our spokesperson was featured across the media in the first few days. In October, we released a statement signed by 270 conservative leaders opposed to capital punishment, triggering more than 130 media placements. And we helped collect more than 170 signatures from the family members of murder victims asking the White House not to go ahead, sparking a powerful Washington Post story. The federal government's decision is a desperate act of retribution that is both wrong and out of step with the nation.



REPEAL, STATE BY STATE PART TWO



Statehouses aren't the only places where change happens. In 2018, the Washington State Supreme Court ruled 9-0 that the death penalty is unconstitutional, citing racial bias. The decision came amidst growing support for repeal in WA, where EJUSA supports our partners, the Washington Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Washington was the eighth state to repeal since 2007 (New Hampshire was the ninth), bringing the total states without a death penalty to 21. Another four are under a moratorium.

A MOVEMENT MATURES



EJUSA launched Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty in 2013 to shatter the myth that all conservatives support the death penalty. Six years later, in September, Conservatives Concerned is a master case study in changing the story and thinking around capital punishment. Our work has been featured in more than 3,000 media pieces; this year we published two op-eds at Fox News. In 2019 alone, 11 states saw Republican-sponsored repeal bills. When the death penalty dies once and for all, our efforts to move conservative opinion will stand out as a driver of that monumental victory.

MORE HIGHLIGHTS

2020 OUTLOOK



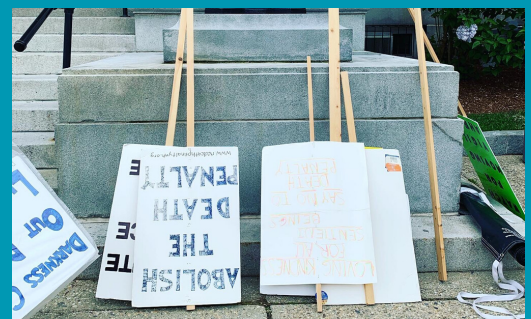
EJUSA is focused on three key states in the coming year – Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming (where we hired our first fieldworker).

FIGHTING FOR DUE PROCESS



In April 2019, Conservatives Concerned filed an amicus brief in support of 26 men on death row fighting lethal injection secrecy laws in Tennessee.

SEA CHANGE



Death penalty support has plummeted. A 2017 Gallup poll found the lowest level of support since 1972. In 2018, for the first time less than half of Americans believe the death penalty is applied fairly.