



TAKE ACTION!

URGE CLEMENCY IN JUDICIAL OVERRIDE CASES

Alabama ended judicial override in 2017 but the law was not applied retroactively. Recent clemency decisions show that we can fix the broken system and ensure the 26 individuals on death row due to judicial override receive clemency.

We need your voice! Please take a few minutes to speak out to ensure Alabama's justice system reflects fairness, consistency and respect for the Constitution.

SEND AN EMAIL:

Copy and paste the below message into the body of an email. Please feel free to personalize the message based on your experiences, especially if you have served on a jury and/or work in the legal system.

Send to the following contacts in Gov. Ivey's office:

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SUBJECT: Request for Clemency in Judicial Override Cases

Hello all,

I am writing to urge Gov. Ivey to grant clemency to the 26 individuals on Alabama's death row who were sentenced through judicial override.

In 2017, Alabama made the right decision to end judicial override, recognizing that allowing a single judge to impose a death sentence after a jury recommended life without parole was inconsistent with the role of the jury. However, because that change was not made retroactive, these individuals remain on death row under a system the state has already rejected.

Gov. Ivey's recent clemency decisions in the cases of Charles "Sonny" Burton and Robin "Rocky" Meyers demonstrated thoughtful leadership and a commitment to fairness in our justice system. **I respectfully ask that Gov. Ivey apply that same principle in all 26 judicial override cases.** This not about lending leniency in these serious, heinous crimes. It is about upholding the Constitution, respecting the role of juries, and ensuring equal treatment under the law.

I urge Gov. Ivey to use her constitutional authority to correct this inconsistency and ensure that Alabama's justice system reflects fairness, accountability, and the rule of law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



CALL SCRIPT:

To make a phone call, call the Governor's office switchboard at **334-242-7100**.

- Hi, my name is **XX**, and I'm a constituent of Gov. Ivey's from **CITY**, Alabama.
- I'm calling to respectfully urge Governor Ivey to grant clemency to the 26 individuals on death row who were sentenced through judicial override.
- Alabama ended judicial override in 2017 because it was inconsistent with the Constitution and the role of the jury. But because the law wasn't made retroactive, people are still facing execution under that outdated system.
- Governor Ivey's recent clemency decisions showed strong leadership and a commitment to fairness. I'm asking her to extend that same commonsense leadership to all cases impacted by judicial override.
- This is not about being soft on crime. It's about ensuring sentences reflect what juries decided and that Alabama applies the law fairly and consistently.
- Thank you for taking my call and passing this message along.

IF YOU REACH VOICEMAIL:

- Hello, my name is **NAME**, and I am calling from **CITY**, Alabama.
- I'm asking Governor Ivey to grant clemency to the 26 individuals on death row sentenced through judicial override.
- Alabama has already decided judicial override is wrong. Clemency is the only way to ensure fairness, respect for juries, and consistency under Alabama's law.
- Thank you for your time.