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**Republican Leader's Statement on Governor's Death Row
Commutations**

SALEM, Ore. – In a [press release](#) on Tuesday, Governor Kate Brown announced that she will be commuting all 17 remaining death row convictions to life-in-prison sentences.

Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp (R-Bend) released the following statement:

“Did the people of Oregon vote to end the death penalty? I don’t recall that happening. This is another example of the Governor and the Democrats not abiding by the wishes of Oregonians. Even in the final days of her term, Brown continues to disrespect victims of the most violent crimes,” said Knopp.

Brown has used her executive authority to pardon or commute more sentences than any other governor in the state’s history and more than all of Oregon’s governors from the last 50 years combined.

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