

**ITEM B.119  
FOR ACTION**

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>			
	A. Finance	E. Corporate Property, Legal, Finance	J. Board Nominating & Governance Subcommittee
X	B. Justice	F. PC(USA), A Corporation	P. Plenary
	C. Leadership	G. Audit	
	D. Worshiping Communities	H. Executive Committee	

**Subject:** Comment to the 221<sup>st</sup> GA (2014) - Overture 026 “Regarding a National Moratorium on the Imposition of the Death Penalty – From the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta”

**Recommendation:**

**That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 026 “Regarding a National Moratorium on the Imposition of the Death Penalty – From the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta”**

**Comment:**

The Presbyterian Church has opposed the death penalty by action of previous General Assemblies as outlined by this summary. <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/101/capital-punishment/>

The Office of Public Witness (OPW) continues efforts to eliminate the death penalty through active engagement in fair sentencing discussions within ecumenical and interfaith settings. The OPW is connecting to grassroots communities that are organizing around these issues as a majority of the efforts to eliminate the death penalty are taking place in local communities and at the state level.

This recommendations outlined in this overture affirm current policies and raise the visibility of this issue.