

**VICKI SCHIEBER, Maryland
Mother of Shannon Schieber,
murdered in Pennsylvania in 1998**

Vicki and Sylvester Schieber's 23-year-old daughter Shannon was murdered while attending graduate school in Philadelphia. The killer, who was not arrested until 2002, is now serving multiple life sentences in Pennsylvania and Colorado.

Vicki has testified against the death penalty before the U.S. Senate and before state legislators in Maryland and Pennsylvania, and she and her husband have published op-ed pieces against the death penalty in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Washington Post*. She serves on the board of Maryland Citizens Against State Executions and speaks in connection with The Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty.

“Losing a beloved family member to murder is a tragedy of unimaginable proportions. There is no such thing as closure when a violent crime rips away the life of someone dear to you. Killing Shannon’s murderer cannot stop the unfolding of the world around us with its constant reminders of unfulfilled hopes and dreams. We want the world to remember Shannon and to know what kind of person she was. In fact, we believe that one tragedy of the death penalty is that it turns society’s perspective away from the victim and creates an outpouring of support for those who have perpetuated a crime. For us, the death penalty is not the way to honor our daughter’s life.”

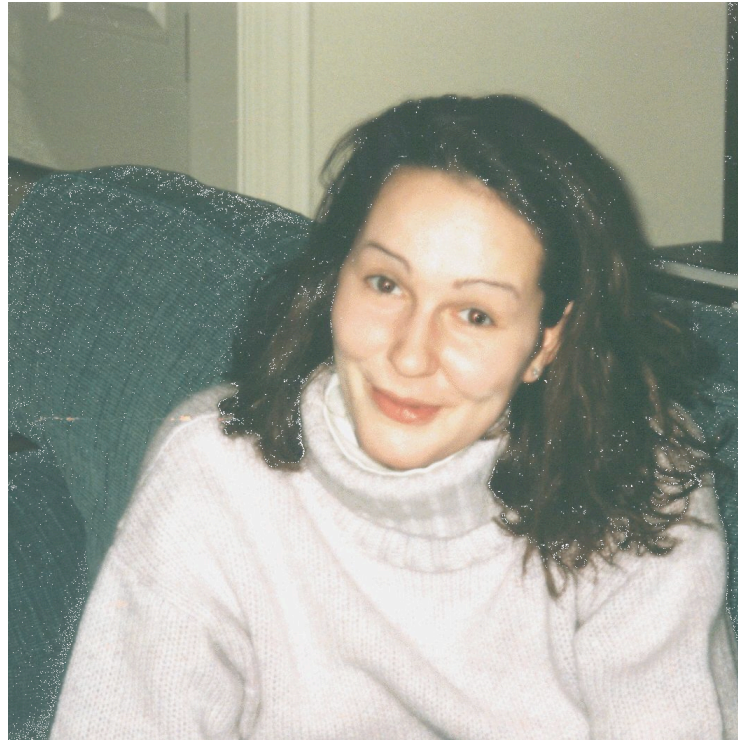
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<http://www.willsworld.com/~mvfhr/sciebertestimony.htm>

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