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### **Justice for Sandra Cantu**

MY HEART goes out to the family of Sandra Cantu.

I agree with the family that this killing is especially grotesque because it was an innocent 8-year-old girl who was senselessly slain.

But it also disturbs me that Joe Chavez, Sandra's uncle, repeatedly has been calling for the death penalty.

I understand the family's need for justice.

Real justice would right the wrong that was committed. It would fix the broken, heal the wounds and most of all, it would bring back Sandra to us all.

But executing the killer now will do none of that. Killing Melissa Huckaby for the slaying will only cause another innocent family to grieve the death of their loved one.

At this time, our hearts also should go out to Huckaby's grandmother Connie Lawless and grandfather Rev. Lane Lawless. They do not deserve to suffer any further from this.

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