

Subject: Concerns Regarding House Bill 219

Dear Representative [Last Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am writing as a family member of someone incarcerated in Louisiana. I appreciate the legislature's continued attention to the issue of non-unanimous jury convictions and the impact these cases have had on many families across the state.

However, I would like to respectfully express my concerns regarding House Bill 219 as it is currently proposed.

Families like mine have waited many years for meaningful review of convictions that were obtained under a system now recognized as unconstitutional. While HB 219 proposes a pathway for resentencing, some families worry that this approach may not fully address the deeper questions surrounding convictions obtained by non-unanimous juries.

Many families believe that the opportunity for a more complete review of these cases — including the possibility of new trials — should remain available when considering how Louisiana responds to the legacy of the former 10–2 jury system.

We deeply appreciate the legislature's willingness to engage with this issue and respectfully ask that any legislation ensure that individuals and their families have access to a fair and meaningful opportunity for review.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the people of Louisiana.

Respectfully,

[Your Name]

[City / State]

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