

Subject: Support for House Bill 219 – Resentencing Review for Non-Unanimous Jury Convictions

Dear Representative [Last Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am writing as a family member of someone incarcerated in Louisiana. I respectfully ask for your support of House Bill 219.

For many years, Louisiana allowed convictions even when jurors did not unanimously agree. Although the state ended this practice in 2018 and the United States Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional in *Ramos v. Louisiana*, many individuals remain incarcerated under those earlier verdicts.

Families like mine have lived with the consequences of these cases for decades. House Bill 219 offers a meaningful step forward by creating a pathway for courts to review sentences connected to non-unanimous jury convictions.

While it may not resolve every case, providing an opportunity for resentencing acknowledges the changes Louisiana has already made and allows the justice system to address the lasting impact of the former law.

For families who have waited many years for the possibility of reconsideration, this legislation represents hope that the system will recognize the importance of fairness and review.

I respectfully encourage you to support House Bill 219 and continue working toward thoughtful solutions that address the legacy of non-unanimous jury convictions in Louisiana.

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

Respectfully,

[Your Name]

[City / State]

[Optional: Phone or Email]