

Subject: Support for House Bill 532

Dear Representative [Last Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am writing as a family member of someone impacted by Louisiana's former non-unanimous jury system. I respectfully ask for your support of House Bill 532.

For more than a century, Louisiana allowed criminal convictions even when jurors were not unanimous. Although this practice was ended for future trials and later ruled unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court, many individuals remain incarcerated under the earlier system.

House Bill 532 offers an important opportunity for the people of Louisiana to have a direct voice in how the state addresses the legacy of non-unanimous jury convictions. By allowing voters to consider a constitutional amendment, this bill gives citizens the chance to participate in determining how justice should move forward.

For families like mine, this issue has affected our loved ones and our communities for many years. Providing voters the opportunity to weigh in on this matter reflects the principles of fairness, transparency, and democratic decision-making.

I respectfully encourage you to support House Bill 532 and allow the people of Louisiana the opportunity to decide how the state should address the lasting impact of the former 10–2 jury system.

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

Respectfully,

[Your Name]

[City / State]

[Optional: Phone or Email]