

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HJR 10

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

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Angela Paschall

Self

Houston, TX

This does NOT make our cities safe.  
The crime in Houston is so high. We are following in Chicago's footsteps.  
I don't want to live like that.

Mark Murdock

Self, retired

Austin, TX

I am against this. If the person has not served their full sentence, then their punishment should not be commuted except by existing procedures in our existing Texas law.

Stephanie Eustis

Self

Houston, TX

Opposed

Natalie Meadlin

Self

Boerne, TX

Vote against. Be tough on criminals to deter them from committing more crimes.

Kristin Louviere

Self mortgsge

Houston, TX

Against this bill!

Benjamin Simpson

Self

Fulshear, TX

I oppose this bill. I believe our criminal justice system is already generous enough in allowing for parole at current levels. We

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should not be releasing violent offenders even sooner.

Ada Rose  
Self/Strategic Account Executive  
Houston, TX

Oppose

Karyann Combs  
Self  
North Richland Hills, TX

May you hear my plea for someone when they were very very young to have committed a crime and has served over 25 years. He has since recognized his actions and repented. He was a stupid young kid.

Janet Imhoff  
League of Women Voters of Texas  
McKinney, TX

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports this bill. This constitutional amendment would authorize the legislature to pass laws allowing courts to grant commutations of punishment for people who have successfully completed parole for a certain number of years—at least 10.

Melinda Grayson, LWVTX Criminal Justice Issue Chair, melindag.lwv@gmail.com

Amite Dominick, Dr.  
Texas Prison Air Conditioning Advocates  
Rockport, TX

I am For this bill. This bill help to remove some of the hurdles of those who are formerly incarcerated. Commutation rates have historically been dismal which suggest that thee current process is in effective. Once a person has served their time commutation should be granted.

Melanie Davis  
H.O.N.O.R. Mentoring  
Montgomery, TX

When someone has successfully fulfilled what society has asked of them, why do we continue to punish them the rest of their lives? This is not only a massive obstacle mentally, but it poses great challenges for them to live from day to day because of the prejudices and even rules that negatively restrict their ability to be successful. The argument that they "might commit a crime again" and need to be labeled to protect society does not justify handling our returned citizens this way. The truth is, they are far more likely to commit a crime because with these punishments, we have made it nearly impossible to survive and some may resort to criminal activity out of necessity. It's easy to say, "they just need to do the right things," but I challenge anyone who says that to try to find employment, housing and transportation under the conditions that our returning citizens face. It's not just inhumane, it's bad psychology.

OLGA DICKINSON  
SELF  
HOUSTON, TX

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I am asking to pass this bill, my brother has served 27 years this May of a 35 year sentence and has not been approved for release on parole, he has met all the requirements thank you.

Carla Jurgensen

Self

Spring Branch, TX

A person put in jail for murder, Rape, crimes against children & etc should serve their full time in prison. They shouldn't get out earlier or just be let out of jail. The people that these crimes happened too will have to live with the crime the rest of there lives.

Jennifer DeLeon

TCJC

Richardson, TX

I support this amendment because it has personally affected me, I am in recovery and live a different life than I used to. I work full time and go school at the university of north Texas but although I have a felony on my record which I have completed community supervision for I can not rent a apartment because of the felony on my record, this amendment would allow me to have my own home to live in. Please consider this amendment

Michelle Collins

Self

Leander, TX

Due to overcrowding and lengthy sentences that often don't reflect the crime, I think this bill is long over due