

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SB 49

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

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Jeanne Denham

Parent

Spring, TX

I have a adult son who has been locked up numerous times due to his mental illness and now is suffering from ptsd due how things were handled while being taken into custody and in the jail its self. A few times I have called the constables office for help and they ended up putting him in jail, rather than putting him in hospital which he needed. This ended up costing me for an attorney to get him out of the situation, and did no good for him. He suffers from bi-polar. We need to not treat them as criminals, but help them with there mental illness. Thanks

Mary Stinson

Self/Speech Language Pathologist/Mother of adult son with serious mental health issues

SPRING, TX

I am the mother of an adult son who has a serious mental illness. It is imperative that you pass this bill on behalf of the Texans who have conditions beyond their control. Without access to the years and years of interventions, hospitalizations, counseling, medications with adjustments, etc., the director of the office responsible for supervising the defendant while on bail would treat these adults as if they had NO mental illness/Developmental delay/etc. This would no doubt have devastating effects on these adults.

I am thrilled this bill has been passed by the Senate.

Please make sure that this at-risk population is protected.

Thank you for your consideration.

Janie Stinson

Marilyn Hartman

Member and Advocate, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Central Texas

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I support this bill.