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Submitted to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence
For HB 381

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Marc Hoskins, Policy Specialist
Disability Rights Texas
Austin, TX

Dropping a card in support of HB 381.

Jesse Williams
Self
Austin, TX

I support this bill. I supported this bill the last session with an in person testimony and nothing has changed from that. Far too often the incapacity of people with intellectual disabilities is overlooked by state courts even though the SCOTUS has required that it be taken into account when sentencing an individual for capital crimes. It's time to codify this item as we have seen the delicate nature of a court that changes its mind with simple changes of wind direction.

Libertarian/Centrist Presidential Candidate Rickey Morris Jr, Minister and Security Specialist
Minister and Security 20+ years/Human Souls Freedom from slavery and prohibition.
Houston, TX

This is recreated or recreational slavery. This should not be for a reason on impairments it should simply be for violent offenders but if they cause harm to others and there property but, not because of what they eat or ingest including non violent individuals. Dopamine is in the body and even ice cream or chocolate makes you happy enough to release it from the brain down the spine to make humans feel good. That means everyone including the President and Politicians should be locked up for being happy. While I am also now permanently disabled and I stay painless with back injections = US government drugs and compassionate use cannabis only the cannabis doesn't have negative side effects. I fully support freedom, decriminalization and full de scheduling. End the death penalty

Whitney Bilyeu
Self
Houston, TX

I support this bill, and ask the committee to do the same.