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Submitted to the Committee on Corrections
For HB 2305

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Joy Holley
myself
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Good Day Representative Sherman and also all Representatives of the Corrections Committee,
With our great State of Texas leading in the incarceration population as well as number of prisons, please vote to support a committee to study and report the current and future statistics. This will give direction to how TDCJ must proceed with counseling, mental health, and rehabilitation. This information is valuable and should always be taken into consideration for educating our courts, prosecutors, judges in the future of offenders and victims. Please change the terms "lock the door and throw away the key" and "revolving door" to a term that reflects the growth and maturity that comes with a changed mindset while incarcerated. Thank you very much. Joy Holley

Beth Bryant
self
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I respectfully request that the committee pass this bill. Although this would be work for TDCJ, the small amount of work to track recidivism rates that include rearrest, reconviction and reincarceration would benefit both TDCJ, law enforcement and organizations involved in criminal justice reform perform their jobs with useful data. Since TDCJ is in the business of rehabilitation, they will actually see actual success and failure rates. Parole will see data to show where they need to improve in the services they provide to those on parole and come up with a more focused system to those on parole setting them up for success. Those working in criminal justice reform will be able to use the data to use their man power more efficiently. Please support HB2305.

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I support this bill!