

To: House Committee on Judiciary
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Ask : Please include language that defines people struggling with mental health issues as a minority population to be served by this bill. Secondary concerns that might be addressed include criminal histories being sealed automatically unless violent or otherwise severe. California is considering this bill now. A standard amount of \$10,000 remuneration for the falsely accused. The current tort claim system is completely inaccessible without an attorney.

I am a white 52 year old male. I am homeless now and I have struggled with persistent and severe mental illness approximately since the age of four. That is when the childhood trauma began. I lost my left leg below the knee in a farming accident at the age of thirteen and went to jail the first time at 14. I was an alcoholic by the age of 16. In spite of all that I had three children, got married, pursued a career as a computer tech and real estate investor/landlord. I was a stay at home dad for 13 years and two of my three children struggle with mental health. Since the age of 16 I have been pursuing what I have learned to call recovery. My credentials/resume can be viewed at <http://vreppeto.wordpress.com/about> However, my efforts to prevent the dysfunction of my parents from being handed down to my children have gone unnoticed by the state of Oregon.

There is an assembly line in every courthouse in Oregon. Innocence or guilt is no longer a consideration. The only issue at hand is what kind of guilty plea will be entered into the record. I have been charged with false charges at least half a dozen times in the last 15 years. I have not seen my children in 6 years. My estate and life savings are gone. The crimes committed against me by the state of Oregon and the criminal justice system are documented. I have heard of few people of color that have suffered as much at the hands of law enforcement. To the contrary, I have reached out to them and people of color in the Salem area, even in the clergy do not relate to the anger I express. The danger to my children of being sucked through the revolving door has increased exponentially due to the persecution I have suffered. My efforts to arm my children with an education have been cut short.

I will recover financially to a degree but my disabilities preclude rebuilding my estate. There simply is not enough of me left physically and mentally to repeat such a feat.

Please do not abandon my children. Please include language that defines people struggling with mental health issues as a minority population to be served by this bill.

Peace and Respect,
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