Equal Justice Task Force (HR 197)

Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 30, 2021
10:00 a.m.
House Committee Room 1

Task Force Members

Representative Gaines          Sheriff Champagne (La. Sheriffs’ Assn.)
Representative Edmonston       (La. District Attorneys Assn.)
Representative Hughes          Mr. Lee, Jr. (La. Div. Probation & Parole)
Representative Jenkins         Ms. Johnson (Promise of Justice Initiative)
Representative Jordan          Mr. Starns (La. Public Defender Board)
Representative Mack            Mr. Henderson (Voices of the Experienced)
Representative Owen            Ms. Theriot (Voices of Innocent Citizens Empowered, Inc.)

Staff: Claire Stevenson, attorney
       Zachary Gonzalez, attorney
       Diane Merritt, Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Representative Gaines - purpose and objectives of task force

IV. Comments from appointed members of the House Judiciary Committee

V. Testimony and recommendations from task force members:

   Sheriff Greg Champagne - Louisiana Sheriffs' Association

   Mr. Bobby James Lee, Jr.
   Division of Probation and Parole of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections

   Louisiana District Attorneys Association

   Mr. Ramie Starns - Louisiana Public Defender Board

   Ms. Jamila Johnson - Promise of Justice Initiative

   Ms. Catalene B. Theriot, President - Voices of Innocent Citizens Empowered, Inc.

   Mr. Norris Henderson - Executive Dir., Voices of the Experenced
VI. Discussion

VII. Other Business

VIII. Announcements

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person at this time may submit a prepared statement in lieu of appearing before the committee.

A. Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

B. Any person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall include in such prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information. For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "source" shall mean a publication, website, person, or other source from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement.

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All persons desiring to participate in the meeting shall utilize appropriate protective health measures and observe the recommended and appropriate social distancing.

IX. Adjournment