

Dear Senators and members of the committee,

I am writing today to oppose SJM 2.

Our society is actively fighting for a more accountable system. Accountability from our police, accountability from our elected officials and accountability from our courts. We cannot then overlook accountability from criminals.

Members of society who actively violate the law, which was established by the people and are then convicted need to be held accountable for their choices and actions.

Equating inmate labor to slavery is an incorrect and inflammatory comparison meant to draw an emotional response, this argument is not grounded in logic and the 13th amendment mentions no race what so ever. Every false claim of racism diminishes the actual, physical, emotional and societal impact of actual racism.

This bill seeks to soften the experience of convicted criminals which is not justice to thier victims, not justice to their families, and not justice to society.

Please oppose SJM 2