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To the House Judiciary:

I'd like to weigh in with my support of the Jury Rights bill you will be hearing today. Jury Rights have been part of our country's legal system since the beginning; allowing the public to be the final arbiter of the law. They were used a lot to stop convictions of the Fugitive Slave Act, which would have otherwise penalized people for helping runaway slaves in pre-civil war times. This is a critical right that every citizen needs to be aware of and exercise when needed. While we already have this right, the court system is constantly abusing those who choose to exercise it, and attempts to force them to take an unconstitutional oath. Please move this bill forward and protect our legal rights.

Thanks,

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