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Please accept my testimony by email on this important issue. I will not be available to participate in the public hearing. Thanks, Susan Schoenfeld

Proposal 2 Public Comment

My understanding is that the Vermont Legislature has been in the process of passing a Vermont Constitutional Amendment (PR 2), that will ensure that our Constitution unconditionally prohibits slavery and indentured servitude in our State. I urge the Vermont Legislature to finalize the progress and ensure this amendment is passed.

The three exception clauses in the existing wording of our Constitution are some benign historical wording that we can continue to ignore. Our State must officially make this change so that we unequivocally demonstrate that we share the concerns of our Black and Brown neighbors, and recognize the harm that can come from these exceptions. Now is the time to bring this section of our Constitution to the right side of history. Please do not fail to make this right.

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