



Drafting Legislation to Codify Right to Provide Testimony

Summer Associate Project Exchange

Project Title

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Scope of Work

Timing

Jurisdiction

DC

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Description

In 2023 more than 60 organizations and District residents called for the DC Department of Corrections and the DC Council to establish a process that would allow individuals held in DC's Department of Corrections (DOC) the ability to provide testimony, as is the right of those in the community, at DC Council hearings. While the DC Council welcomes this participation, DOC will not allow it.

The Washington Lawyers Committee seeks assistance with drafting legislation that codifies this right for this almost entirely Black population.