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Madam Chair, members of the committee - Thank you for allowing me to speak today.

I was taken to Warm Springs in November of last year in the back of a sheriffs van in hand cuffs and a waist restraint. I would have had ankle shackles but my legs were so swollen that the sheriff didn't have anything big enough. All of this because I have the horrific crime of living with a mental illness.

I felt humiliated, and that all my dignity and respect was totally taken from me. I cried all the way there because of this. I use a wheelchair so I have both legs that don't work that great and at the time my left arm was paralyzed, so I was not a danger to anyone.

Please pass this bill. No one should have to go through what I went through unless its absolutely necessary.

Thank you.

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