

Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts, Jr.
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Brooklawn, NJ 08030

Dear Speaker Roberts:

I am writing to request that you consider posting ACR-240 for a full vote in the NJ Assembly. The State Government Committee approved this resolution on March 12th.

ACR-240, sponsored by Assemblymen Joseph Cryan and Jim Wheelan, would amend Article II Section 1, paragraph 6 of the NJ Constitution to read as follows:

No person who has been adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting shall enjoy the right of suffrage.

This would replace the current wording: **No idiot or insane person shall enjoy the right of suffrage.** Although they have been part of the NJ Constitution since 1789, the words *idiot* and *insane* are discriminatory, archaic and extremely offensive towards people with disabilities.

(If appropriate, briefly tell a personal story here about how discriminatory language has negatively affected you or someone you know).

In response to the efforts of the Monday Morning Project—a grassroots advocacy effort of the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities—and other disability advocacy groups in the state, in February the state Senate unanimously approved an identical measure, SCR-134, sponsored by Senator Codey.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to post ACR-240 for a vote.

Sincerely,

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(address)
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(e-mail address)