**Criminal Legal System**

Plain Language Talking Points

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**What is the problem?**

* Sometimes people with disabilities are shot by police when they have a mental health crisis.
* When people with disabilities are convicted of crimes and sent to prison, they can be placed in a small cell by themselves for 23 hours a day. This causes more mental and physical health suffering.
* More money is needed to hire mental health professionals to respond to 911 calls for help.
* More police officers need disability training.
* Disabled people in jails and prisons need reasonable accommodations.

**Why it matters to me:**

* I am a person with disabilities, and I don’t want to be afraid if I need to call 911 for help.
* My child/sibling/friend is a person with disabilities, and I am afraid to call 911 for help.
* I want people with disabilities to receive legal support and reasonable accommodations if they are charged and convicted of a crime.

**What should Congress do?**

* Pass the Safe Interactions Act (S. 1731 and H.R. 3550).
* Pass the DIALED Act (S. 1730).
* Pass the Mental Health Justice Act (S.3388 and H.R. 6451).
* Pass the End Solitary Confinement Act (H.R. 4972 and S.3409).