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## Policy Issue Resources

### Publication

Written testimony of Nicholas Turner, president and director of the Vera Institute of Justice, on law enforcement responses to individuals with disabilities and the potential for new approaches, submitted on April 29, 2014 to the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights. Addressing two primary concerns: the high rates of victimization against individuals with disabilities and the overrepresentation of individuals with mental illness in the criminal justice system. Turner outlines both the leading research and most promising programs in the field that can help ensure that people with disabilities have equal access to services and criminal justice interventions, and the mentally ill are safely diverted from entering the justice system.

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