



Youth Prison Testimony Scripts

"My name is _____. I am a [worker, teacher, etc.] and [live/work] in Aldermanic District 9

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I do/do not support 7930 W. Clinton Avenue as the cite for a Type 1 Juvenile Detention Facility in Milwaukee.

[Add a story or example of why this is important to you- see talking points below for ideas!]

Antidotes to consider:

- *What have you heard at hearings/meetings or elsewhere about the proposed facility*
- *How have you or anyone you know been impacted by youth detention facilities?*

Reasons to consider (one or a combination):

- *I do not support carceral/punitive options and prefer restorative/transformative/reparative alternatives*
- *I am not convinced that the community will be safe*
- *I am concerned about my property taxes, neighborhood, and/or ability to sell my home after the prison is built nearby*
- *I am concerned about the care and development of the youth who will be housed*
- *I need more details to make a more informed decision about the status of my support*
- *Building a new prison is fiscally irresponsible*
- *I feel the facility would contribute further to the divestment and demise of this area. We need resources/businesses/community, not a prison.*
- *I want our children closer to their families*

I join my neighbors in supporting/opposing the proposed cite for this reason.

Thank you."