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JUSTICE urges MPs to help prevent deaths in custody

JUSTICE, the all-party law reform and human rights organisation, today urged Members of Parliament to help prevent deaths in custody by supporting Lords amendments to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill.

The House of Lords voted by 223 votes to 127 to ensure that deaths in custody are not excluded from the corporate manslaughter offence when it becomes law. If these amendments pass in the House of Commons, we hope that they will encourage the promotion of safer policies and practices on issues such as restraint, cell-sharing and the care of vulnerable prisoners.

Sally Ireland, Senior Legal Officer (Criminal Justice) at JUSTICE, said:

MPs have a tremendous opportunity tomorrow to help prevent the needless deaths of men, women and children in custody.

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