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An open letter to the Louisiana legal community in support of Amendment #2 requiring a unanimous jury:

As leaders in the legal community, particularly those charged with training ethical, capable advocates of the future, we stand firmly in support of this important effort to improve fairness in our courts. Respected jurists recognize the principle of unanimous juries as essential to our democracy. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia repeatedly relied on Sir William Blackstone, who wrote 'the most transcendent privilege which any subject can enjoy, or wish for, that he cannot be affected either in his property, his liberty, or his person, but by the unanimous consent of twelve of his neighbours and equals.' As the deans of Loyola University New Orleans, College of Law and Tulane University Law School, we support this historic effort to end the use of non-unanimous juries in our state.



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