

I am writing in support of SB 401. My opinion on this bill is informed by a 30+ year career and volunteerism in the Juvenile Justice system, adult prison reentry programs and restorative justice victim-offender mediation. I often heard the mantra "holding young people accountable" during my career. Often this simply meant "doing" punishment to them without any requirement on the offender's part to acknowledge or repair the harm of their actions. Measure 11, while purportedly intended to reduce crime, has in fact created unintended and undesired results for our communities. These results have been the rapid growth of our prison system. This at a tremendous taxpayer cost without the result of safer communities. In addition Measure 11 has not allowed judges to consider all the nuances of a case when deciding a fair and just outcome. Finally Measure 11 has contributed to racial disparities in our system that need to be eliminated. For these reasons I urge you to consider passage of SB 401

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