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To Whom It May Concern,

We have been asked by the Union County District Attorney's office to write a brief letter explaining how Measure 11 has effected our family.

Our daughter was raped when she was a 14 year old high school freshman. The perpetrator was sentenced under Measure 11. While this was a devastating time for our family, knowing that the person who harmed our daughter would be incarcerated for a mandatory minimum period of time was a comfort to us. We felt a sense of safety knowing that our daughter would be given time to heal, receive counseling, learn how to better protect herself, and finish high school and college without worrying that he would be released early.

Measure 11 is established for the well-being of the innocent victim, as well as their family. It is not an arbitrary ruling against the criminal. It is meant to keep the victim safe and provide time for healing as well as to give the criminal the best chance at some kind of rehabilitation through counseling, work experience, and further schooling while incarcerated.

We wholeheartedly support Measure 11 and encourage all lawmakers involved in reviewing the efficacy of the measure to leave it in place as it is currently written for the sake of all victims and their families.



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