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Good day to you -

This letter is in support of S.B. 191, and making that Bill Retro-active. Please consider this letter in your Actions on April 5th and 7th, in regards to S.B. 191.

When Good Time was taken from the D.O.C. as a result of Measure 11, it took a very valuable tool from the D.O.C., and allowed the gangs to take root and grow inside the prisons... threatening staff and inmate alike.

I've been in the D.O.C., straight, since 1986; so I lived the change. Before Measure 11, if one of us got too out of line, our Counselor would call us in and tell us to knock it off, or we'll start losing our Good Time.

The new Measure 11 inmates knew that was an empty threat, for their Release Dates could not be changed, at that time.

The D.O.C. had to move to putting the ruffians in front of the Courts with new charges in order to

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get Order restored inside... at the expense of almost lethal force used against Officers. This D.O.C. facility is still operating under the influence of the gangs.

If you give the D.O.C. back Good Time, they can use it to keep us in line.

However, in order to make it effective, it MUST be made Retro-active, so it can be used on the existing inmates, not just the new ones.

The Courts are very congested. Giving the D.O.C. back the tool of Good Time can actually reduce the amount of inmates the D.O.C. is sending to the Courts.

Please give the D.O.C. back the tool of Good Time. It will help them control us, and ease the congestion of the Courts... and make it Retro-active, as well.

Thank you for your time.

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