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SENATE COMMITTEE,

MY NAME IS MICHAEL L. GREENE, OS943170, AND I'M AN ADULT IN CUSTODY (AIC) AT SNAKE RIVER CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION IN OREGON. I'M WRITING TODAY IN HOPES THAT YOUR SENATE COMMITTEE DECIDES THAT THE MORAL AND RIGHTOUS THING TO DO IS VOTE YES ON SB # 191, WHICH WILL RETROACTIVELY ALLOW ALL MEASURE 11 INMATES TO EARN GOOD TIME FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF INMATES CONVICTED OF MURDER.

IT'S VITALLY IMPORTANT TO EACH AND EVERY AIC TO HAVE HOPE AND A REALISTIC GOAL TO STRIVE FOR. A CARROT ON THE END OF A STICK SO TO SPEAK, SO ONE HAS SOMETHING TO FOCUS ON, SOMETHING TO KEEP THEM FEELING POSITIVE, TO FEEL HUMAN, TO BE WHOLE ON THIS DIFFICULT JOURNEY TO REHABILITATION. A JUST REWARD SUCH AS RETROACTIVE EARNED GOOD TIME FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR IS JUST SUCH A CARROT. GOOD TIME, LIKE TRUST, MUST BE EARNED NOT JUST GIVEN. THOSE OF US WHOM RISE EVERY MORNING AND GO TO WORK, COMPLETE PROGRAMS, EARN NON COMBATIVE STATUS, AND STAY OUT OF TROUBLE BY RESPECTING ALL OTHERS, INMATES AND STAFF ALIKE I BELIEVE HAVE EARNED THE PRIVILEGE OF RETROACTIVE GOOD TIME. THIS PRIVILEGE WOULD ALLOW US TO FEEL WORTHY AND WHOLE AND TEACH US ABOUT WHAT IS EXPECTED OF US ON THE OUTSIDE.

WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT
WE ONLY ASK THAT WE'RE NOT LEFT BEHIND BY
NOT RENDERING SB # 91 RETROACTIVE FOR EARNED GOOD
TIME FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR. WE ARE ASKING THE SAME
RESPECT AND JUST REWARD THAT THIS COMMITTEE HAS
THE STATE OF OREGON'S JUVENILE INMATES, OUR
FAMILIES, OUR MOTHERS, FATHERS, SISTERS, AND
BROTHERS DESERVE THIS BILL BE ENACTED AS THE ONLY
RETROACTIVE BILL BEING PROPOSED AT THIS TIME.

TO BE TRULY REHABILITATED IS TO UNDERSTAND
THAT IF YOU DO ALL THE RIGHT THINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED
OF YOU IN LIFE THAT GOOD THINGS CAN HAPPEN IN RETURN.
RETROACTIVE EARNED GOOD TIME IS JUST THAT A REMINDER
TO KEEP YOUR NOSE CLEAN AND TO THE GRINDSTONE. TO
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WRONGS WE'VE DONE
TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY AND TREAT EVERYONE
WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT SO THE FUTURE CAN
BE MUCH BRIGHTER THAN THE PAST.

WE ALL KNOW THE DAMAGE TO MANY LIVES
DESTROYED BY MAXIMUM MINIMUM SENTENCES. I'M
A 60 YEAR OLD MALE AND HAVE BEEN IN NO TROUBLE
IN THE LAST 40 YEARS. I'VE WORKED SINCE I WAS
FIFTEEN AND WAS EMPLOYED FOR 19 YEARS AND 15
YEARS ON MY LAST TWO JOBS. I WENT TO COLLEGE
AT 39 TO BE RETRAINED AFTER LOSING MY TIMBER
RELATED JOB. I HAVE AN ACRS SCORE OF 1%
PROBABILITY THAT I WILL RE-OFFEND AFTER MY

RELEASE, YET HERE I SIT WITH A 100 MONTH MAXIMUM MINIMUM SENTENCE AND NO OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE MY SELF WORTH. I COULD BORE YOU WITH A LIST OF SURGEONS, NURSES, AND RADIOLOGISTS WHO COULD AND WOULD VOW FOR MY CREDIBILITY BUT NONE OF THAT GETS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WITH MEASURE 11 CASES.

THERE ARE MANY REASONS TO ENACT THE RETROACTIVE SB # 191. FIRST IS THAT THE DOC IS OVER 1 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE HOLE AND SECOND THE STATE OF OREGON IS BILLIONS IN THE HOLE AND GOING BROKE FOR MANY REASONS INCLUDING THE UNFORSEEN COVID-19 PANDEMIC. AND AS OF MARCH THE STATE WILL LOSE MORE REVENUE WITH THE LOSS OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT TAX. NEXT THE STATE HAS JUST RAISED THE SENTENCE ELIGIBILITY TO BE HOUSED IN MINIMUM SECURITY PRISON FROM 48 MONTHS TO 60 MONTHS, BUT WITH THE SOON TO BE CLOSING OF SNITTERS CREEK, WARNER CREEK, AND MILL CREEK THE AVAILABILITY OF MINIMUM PRISONS DECREASE DRAMATICALLY AND OVERCROWDING BECOMES A MUCH LARGER ISSUE THAN IT IS NOW.

ON BEHALF OF MY ALL INMATES UNDER MEASURE 11, MY MOTHER, SISTER, AND MYSELF WE IMPLORE YOUR COMMITTEE TO BE COURAGEOUS, RIGHTOUS, AND JUST BY VOTING YES ON THE RETROACTIVE SB # 191.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,

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