

Dear Senate Committee

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Hello my name is Paul Reyes. I was sentenced under Measure 11. I implore that you hear the words in this letter because I not only speak for myself, but countless others. To my knowledge Oregon is the last state in America to have a mandatory minimum. When someone is sentenced with no good time, what incentive is there to want to be better? Imagine an 18 or 20 year old kid sentenced to 15 years under measure 11. He sees no way out by positive behavior. Prison is already filled with no hope, doubt and despair. But having good time could guide him away from joining a gang and giving him the willingness to attend classes that give him tools to communicate better and deal with stressful situations in a more positive manner. Also, it would show him that maintaining a job allows him to earn good time and further give him skills to be a productive member in society. We all know that the justice system is flawed and maybe the prison is even more so. There is only enough jobs for half the AIC population. We are usually waiting months and even years to attend a class. That means the people working or attending classes



Furthermore, I have had a job most of my time here. I worked in the Carpentry shop for nearly two years. I learned how to build cabinets and furniture. I left that job to be a part of SLAD (Society of Living Assistance Dogs), a program that is accredited through ADI. We train service dogs for a wide range of disabilities. We are some of the best trainers in the country. Being able to give back in this way has brought a happiness to me I never thought possible. I'll be forever changed by this program.

In conclusion, you must see that measure 11 mandatory minimum is flawed. Oregon intends on raising the minimum prison eligibility status from forty-eight months to sixty and then close 3 minimum prisons. We need SB 191 to pass. We are not asking to be given <sup>retroactive</sup> good time, but to earn it through attending classes and maintaining a job. The good time must be retroactive, but only if it's earned. If the person doesn't work for it, then they don't get it. My family and many others are counting on you to do the right thing and pass SB 191. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely  
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