

Dear Senate Committee,

I speak from personal experience when I say that measure 11 affected myself and my family in a very emotional and bad way. I was incarcerated for almost 6 years and had a young daughter of about the same age. Upon my release everything was different. My daughter knew my voice but not me.

No matter what you do you can never get that time back. During my incarceration, I also lost a family member that I will never see again. Being locked up for exceedingly long periods of time is an emotional toll on everyone in your family. The not knowing if you will ever talk to or see them again is very stressful. I am a person that would like the opportunity to get a percentage of good time just to show the public that we are not all bad people. Some of us are here under false allegations and we want our voice to be heard. There needs to be change for the good on measure 11.

Hear our voice. Give us a chance. We are human too!

Respectfully,