

The goal of imprisoning people is supposed to be rehabilitation not punishment. So called "tough on crime" bills like Oregon's measure 11 were a huge mistake. They did not act as a deterrent to crime, they just ruined lives and tore apart families. Recently we've heard many elected officials apologize for their support of the 1994 crime bill that was similar to measure 11. We know better now and we need to do better. Oregon has a history of racist laws and has an embarrassingly disproportionate number of Black citizens incarcerated because of things like measure 11 and our unconstitutional law allowing non unanimous jury verdicts. Please vote to support measure 191, it will directly impact so many families with incarcerated loved ones. Mine included.