

Please support this bill.

I just can't see having someone put away for a 25 year sentence with no time off for good behavior. This doesn't seem to make any sense. You're not promoting an environment where people are more motivated to have good behavior. Over all prison tension has to be much higher if no one is motivated to maintain a civil environment and this isn't beneficial for anyone in the prison, including prison employees. If they're more stressed then that would lead me to believe that they are going to be stricter or even abusive to prisoners.

Giving prisoners an option to get released early can certainly change their whole attitude about life and what potential they have on the outside. If you tell them that being good has no reward then you reap what you sow. We need to let them know that if they change their behavior that they have an opportunity to a good life going forward. This bill certainly is addressing issues that were totally missed when Measure 11 was created. You can't put all people in one category and march them all off to, what to them, must seem like purgatory. One mistake in the past shouldn't brand someone for life. People kept in prison for 25 years in this kind of environment are less likely to be a good human being once released and thus will probably be on our welfare rolls for the rest of their lives. People who have loved and supported them through this are less likely to even be alive to help them when they get out. It's time to start using a little logic and compassion when dealing with these prisoners.