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TO: The Senate Committee of Judiciary and Ballot Measure 11 Implementation

Dear Committee,

I am writing to you since you are having a hearing on April 5th about this horrible Measure 11. It's about time Oregon decided to take action and do something about this Measure. From my understanding this came from California and California has repealed their Measure 11 for being too cruel. Now Oregon needs to do the same.

Since this never should have become law to begin with, if you are talking about giving a 30% reduction for good behavior, then it should be for all inmates so it should be retroactive. This would give inmates hope which most do not have.

Families of the incarcerated would also be given new hope to see family members once more.

My husband is one who fell under the Measure 11 category for a crime he did not commit, and was sentenced under the illegal Ramos 10/2 verdict which is not part of the United States Constitution which states the jury needs to be a 12/12 beyond a reasonable doubt unanimous verdict, that for some reason also known to the rest of the world Oregon is again failing to correct what everybody knows is already wrong. This is literally a wrongful illegal death sentence for my husband of 42 years at almost 67 years old and with a release date of 2038. I am also a victim of your system.

I'm here in California and he is in an Oregon prison. We haven't seen each other in over a year and may never see each other again with health issues. A thirteen hour drive each way is prohibited with gas prices and weather conditions and a lingering corona pandemic.

Your law does not just impact people in your state. My husband knows personally people from all over the world who are in prison under Oregon's Measure 11 including a young man from England whose parents can't come to

see him because of the pandemic. This definitely falls under cruel and unusual punishment. Even without the pandemic it still falls under cruel and unusual punishment.

The whole world is watching to see what Oregon will do with Measure 11. At least give the world some hope for their loved ones that they can be given "earned time," or "good time" of 30% and give these inmates, their families and loved ones some hope. For me, I would like to see Oregon get rid of this horrible Measure 11 altogether and make it retroactive.

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