

MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

ATTN: SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND BALLET  
IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE 110

RE: GIVING GOOD TIME AND RECTOACTIVE GOOD TIME FOR INMATES WHO ARE DOING TIME  
IN PRISON WITH MEASURE 11 CRIMES.

OUR GRANDSON WHO WE HAVE TAKEN CARE OF FROM A SMALL YOUNG MAN, WAS SENTENCED TO A 10 YEAR MANDATORY MEASURE 11 TIME IN PRISON ON A PLEA DEAL. WHILE HE WASN'T AND STILL ISNT A TROUBLE MAKER, WE NEVER KNEW HOW THE SYSTEM WORKED AND THAT ALL SOMEONE HAD TO DO WAS MAKE AN ACCUSATION WITHOUT PROOF AND CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOR-EVER. NEVER THE LESS, OUR GRANDSON USED HIS TIME WORKING AND TAKING COLLEGE COURSES WE HAD TO PAY FOR. WITHOUT NO INCENTIVE FOR HIS EFFORTS TO STAY BUSY AND KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE HAS PROVEN TO BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AS HE HAS AN ILLNESS THAT MAKES, HIM MORE VUNERABLE THEN NORMAL, ALSO THIS WOULD HELP OTHER INMATES TO WORK TOWARDS DOING SOMETHING GOOD FOR THEIR FUTURE. GETTING GOOD TIME WOULD HELP EACH MEASURE 11 INMATES TO TRULY HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO, SOMETHING TO WORK TOWARDS.

TO STAY INVOLVED, WE ATTENDED CURE MEETINGS TO TRY TO KEEP UP ON ISSUES AND TO GET HELPFUL INFORMATION. THAT IS WHERE WE MET A YOUNG MAN WHO HAD SPENT 12 YEARS INCARCERATED. SOME OF THAT TIME HE TOLD US WAS MEASURE 11 OF WHICH HE FELT DEFEATED AND WOULD OCCASIONALLY ON PURPOSE GO TO SEGREGATION TO GET AWAY FROM THE DRAMA AND NOISE. HE SAID WHEN HE STARTED ON THE LAST HALF OF HIS SENTENCE TO GET GOOD TIME, EVERYTHING CHANGED, HE FINALLY HAD SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO, HE SAID THIS ALSO HELPED HIM WHEN HE GOT RELEASED BECAUSE HIS ATTITUDE AND OUTLOOK HAD CHANGED.

PLEASE WITH YOUR CONSCIENCE AND HEART, CONSIDER GOOD TIME AND RECTOACTIVE GOOD TIME TO HELP INMATES TO HAVE HOPE, TO WANT TO DO GOOD WITH THE REST OF THEIR TIME INCARCERATED.

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