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To whom it may concern,

My name is Tobin Tyler Terpenning and I received 2 Measure II charges in 2010. At 40 years old I wasn't quite prepared to serve 16 years for crimes before Measure II would have given me probation or maximum 18 months each. Over the clothes touching of a minor isn't exactly a violent person-to-person crime, but it would be considered inappropriate and I do acknowledge that and took full accountability for what I did and did take a plea bargain. I had no prior misdemeanor or even felony crimes and wasn't aware of the laws in Oregon being quite so harsh. But I accepted my fate and was sent to Snake River Corrections very far away from my family in Portland. I was immediately extorted in the unit just to use phones or go to yard and being a very non-criminal person I paid instead of fighting the young overly muscular violent gang inmates or telling and risking being beaten or worse.

I adapted and began tutoring GED students, went to the chapel programs, found like minded musicians and found that Snake River used to be the sex offender prison and Complex 1 housed many men with sex crimes or drop-out gang members. I

spent a year working, paying 40 dollars a month to the gang of the month who were extorting 20 men in our unit alone. Mostly older or shy type first time offenders. Sad. I was able to move over to Complex 1 where life was not run by gangs and very intense biased officers.

I heard many stories of mens crimes, history, Measure 11; which 50% of the state AIC's have. I heard the rumors of us getting 20-30% off for good behavior, like most states that give up to 50% off if an AIC stays compliant and earns the time. I was stunned that I wouldn't get any time off and studied the Measure 11 history and Kevin Mannix's proposals and right leaning viewpoints. I weighed both sides and could see why a family or victim would want the offender to do the most time possible. I have been a victim of violent crime so I can relate. Of course each circumstance is different in most cases. and the original Measure 11 proposal was to make repeat violent offenders more accountable, even minors or juveniles at 15 doing 90 months for an assault or robbery or even a low level sex crime. It coincided with the Crime Bill and 3 strikes law in California.

I have spent 11 years being a good AIC. Working, running the chapel music dept. Got one DR that wasn't even true. Navigated the harsh prison politics and being treated poorly by staff, medical, etc. Have paid a fortune to use the overpriced phones, and went through BMS programs for the prison created depression and anxiety from the high level stress and not being allowed to partake in programs to get good time.

Oregon is one of the easiest places to do a prison stint and it has been fairly mellow compared to most other insane state prisons where I wouldn't walk in General Population. Washington has a prison specifically for men with sex crimes. And many of them need help; therapy, classes, medication, etc. Oregon should have a prison set aside for this to make it easy to keep them safe and program.

I would get out this November if I had 30% off and I learned my lesson. I paid my dues. I am even going blind from a handball detaching my left eye retina and medical allowing my left eye to go blind. and I have been waiting a year and a half for my right eye cataract surgery. Covid made everything harder. I tried a PCR. I wrote

to the D.O.C. staff. Many men and women are getting relief due to covid but no one with measure 11.

Now the Oregonian and local news is announcing the possible repeal of Measure 11, good time. It's really happening and I and thousands of AIC's are excited. But will it be retroactive. Some D.A's, Schmidt, and some prison staff think it's a great idea and time to give the judges the ability to decide according to the specifics. Seems like a no-brainer. Relieve the overpopulated prisons, give us incentive to stay compliant, take the power back from the D.A's office and make the obvious racial disparity of Measure 11 go away. Hearsy in Oregon can convict people and the fear of getting a long sentence makes people plea for their lives. Yes, victims should be recognized and given the benefit of seeing the perpetrator be accountable and help to make himself a better human and discover why the crime happened. Greed, lust, or anger. Society can be the help or the problem. I deserve a chance to prove I am a normal, honest human being that realizes his actions caused confusion and anger. My children miss me and I am corrected?! Thank you. Tobin Terpening