

Ballot measure 110 Implementation

Senate Bill 191

Dear Measure 11 Senate Committee,

3-28-2021

I was sentenced two years ago to 192 months in Doc Custody with measure 11 crimes causing my sentence to be day for day with no good time. So far with my prison time, I've walked the straight and narrow, keeping my nose clean from much of the drama prison has to offer. I've never been in trouble with the law (minus with this case) aside from one speeding ticket when I turned 19. Before county jail, I was a hard working individual who paid my taxes, and helped give service to others in the community when I could, such as; volunteering at the homeless shelter in SE Portland to cleaning up trash whenever I biked ground town. Being a first time offender really is harsh with a sentence of over 16 years! I grew up with a step father who abused me at such a young age and consequently I made some bad mistakes to land myself a spot here, and not a day goes by where I regret what I did was wrong but I was a troubled child. The prison system has little to no programs for people of my charges and I don't see how taking away 16 years will help me right my wrongs and make me a better member to society. I believe that giving good time to any inmate including ones already sentenced (retroactive) would give many the proper encouragement to do better and be better so we can prepare for re-entry into society. Just because someone makes a mistake (and for that matter is a first time offender) doesn't seem fair or just to have them locked up for a mandatory minimum day for day. Inmates in federal prison get good time and can get out early on good behavior why can't inmates in the state system do also? Thank you for considering making measure 11 retroactive with good time

Sincerely,
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