

To The Senate

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I'm writing this in regards to SB191 and my personal experience and opinion on measure 11.

Unfortunately I was sentenced with a measure 11 at a very young age. I didn't have the opportunity to get out early for good behavior. So instead I ended up missing out on all of my 20's. I didn't get to go to college or start a family or a career. Instead it ruined my family.

I feel if I would have gotten the proper programming I wouldn't be constantly struggling through life. Barely able to keep my head above water. I feel it ruined my life. I became another statistic a number on a shelf.

If people are given a chance to do some type of program instead of slamed with a measure 11, they would have half a chance to have a good life.

Being thrown in prison, at such a young age, affects you in more ways

then you could ever imagine. Social skills shot, you end up with anxiety, you become angry and bitter. You lose trust in stuff. Depression sets in, then they fill you so full of meds your like a walking zombie. If you allow it to, it will make you cold and empty. It can ruin your family.

I hope the SB191 goes through.

Sincerely,

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