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I am writing today in hopes of appealing to your better judgment regarding Senate Bill 191. As you know, Measure 11 is a tough law that is intended to punish people who commit atrocious crimes and I can agree that, in many cases, it may be necessary to have a tool such as Measure 11 available for multiple offenders, however not allowing for "good time" poses some issues that SB 191 addresses thoughtfully.

First, this bill would help make facilities much safer for both adults in custody (AIC) and especially staff as there would be fewer altercations if people stood to lose more of their freedom, which would in turn create a safer working environment for corrections officers. The Department of Corrections can have the tools necessary to manage the prison population while sending a clear message to those who break the rules that they will spend more time in custody if they do not comply.

Second, it is more rehabilitative as prisoners will want to participate in programs that could earn them time off and that will pay dividends when they ultimately return to their families and society at large. AICs overwhelmingly wish to do the right things but maybe need encouragement and "good time" is a tool that has been proven in every other state to be a good motivator.

Third, this bill has a safety valve that allows for the victims and the sentencing courts to reject sentence reduction for those who commit especially heinous crimes or who have failed to follow the rules while incarcerated.

Lastly, the impact of COVID-19 has been hard on all of us, inside and out, but it has been almost unbearable for even the most seasoned inmates. We have not been able to see our family and friends, we have not been able to the the outside

time that everyone needs and classes and activities have been canceled among many other things. Many of us have gotten very sick, some have died. The virus has wrought havoc on our economy and it no longer makes sense to house individuals who prove themselves to be able to change any longer than necessary at such a huge expense.

As for me, I had not so much as been arrested or even detained before I committed my crime. The DOC has determined that I have about a 3% chance of recidivating as I have many protective factors in my favor. I have engaged in many programs such as Pathfinders and GOGI. I have an important job in the physical plant as a door technician. I am not a rare case as I find most people in here to be worthy of good time. I also have a son who is just turning eleven who needs me more than ever. Most would say I'm a very good dad to him and I would do anything to be with him sooner. Please allow me and others to show you that a "yes" vote on SB 191 will not be wasted on us. I plead for your mercy and humanity in these hard times.

Thank you for your consideration.