

(SB191)

So the committee on measure 11 reform to add good time retroactively and ~~whome~~ even this may concern:

It is extremely important to those of us under measure 11 conviction to have the opportunity to earn good time. If it is voted on without retroactivity, it will not relieve the overcrowdedness, nor help with how financially the state is in crisis. There is a lack of funds to run these prisons as it is, it will be a relief to be seen in the distant future without retroactivity.

I am a first time offender, have never been to prison before and measure 11 sentencing was used for me. My sentence was flipped backwards so I served 31 mos with 5 mos good time and my measure 11, (5 years 10 mos) @ the end of my sentence, giving me the maximum amount of time served possible.

Measure 11 AIC's usually don't go on to commit further crimes (the larger percentage of them), the one incarcerated the longest with no programs. This is not something that fiscally or conscientiously should be overlooked with this decision.

My time once over, I will be going to counseling (as it isn't available through lack of funding in prison) for therapy surrounding domestic violence & PTSD that has been

exhausted here in DC custody.
It means I can get a head start on the treatment I need. It is also important to me to be able to spend time with my mother and adult developmentally disabled children who have fallen into the system with my absence in their lives. I hope with my presence and intention I can help them get back on track + out of the system.

My mother and children miss me very much. I am hoping to be of assistance to them in any way that I can to help them navigate life.

Please allow us to earn good time for our good behavior. To be able to reunite with our families and communities in less time will hopefully cause less impact on our communities, families and selves.

Thank you with much
sincerity,

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