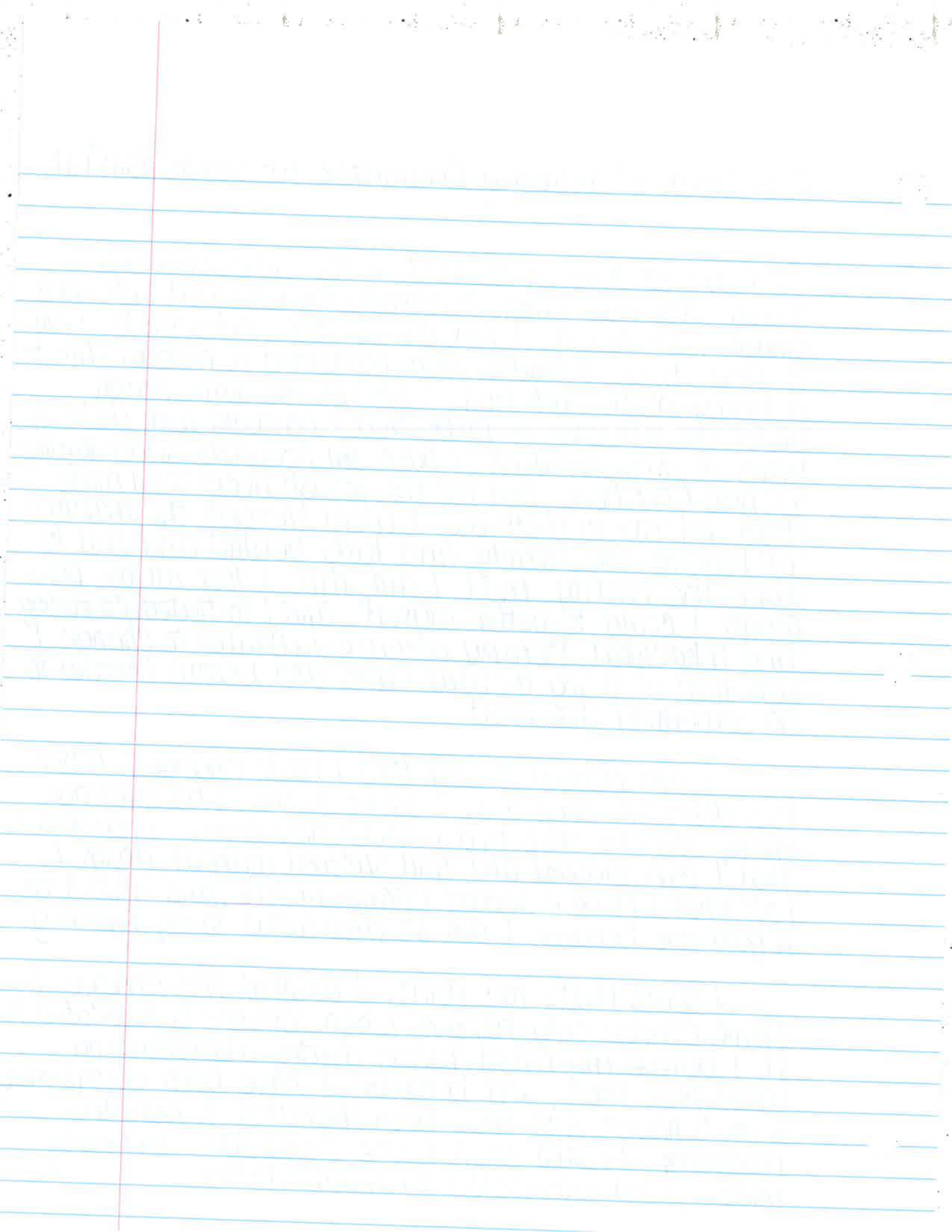


Dear Senate of Judiciary Committee for Senate Bill #91,

I am writing in support of the retroactive bill giving 20% good time to already incarcerated individuals under Measure 11. I am one of these individuals. I am a first-time offender that committed a robbery due to a heavy meth addiction. I am not the same person under the influence of meth that I normally am. After 5 years of incarceration, I have an accurate understanding of how I got here, and all the foolish decisions I made that led me to meth use. I went through the trauma of leaving my family and kids behind and had to face the reality that I did this. I took all the programs I could to better myself, and I initiated counseling and behavioral therapy because I wanted to change. I was tired of living the way I was and I knew I needed to do something different.

I am pleased to say that I have changed. Prison has definitely been a life saver to me. I have learned coping and life skills that I never had before. I now know that I can succeed and will succeed without drugs. I love that I have a second chance in life, and it will be a good one because I am so dedicated to my recovery.

I guess that's my point. I wanted this change. I think change only happens when someone is dedicated to it. I believe my record during incarceration would prove that, and because I have been exemplary in my behavior and have been dedicated to recovery programs, I would be a prime candidate for early release, and successful in rehabilitation.



I have 2 more years. I don't know if 2 more years is going to do much more for me because I have went through the transformation and am ready for the outside world. I believe everyone should be judged whether or not they should be release early on a case-by-case basis and not a mandatory minimum. A mandatory minimum didn't make me change. I made me change. Some people will want that and some people will not. I think that would show through their good behavior, and commitment to programs and work assignments. That should be the basis for earning good time.

Getting this good time would be life changing for me and my family. My kids would have their mom again. I can start making changes in my community, which I want to do so badly. I want to reach out and help others just like me. I could do so much more out there. Or, you can continue to give me a free ride. Another 2 years would be mostly wasted time. It doesn't take 7, 10, 25 years for a person to change. It only takes a few. I hope you will consider how much time we are wasting when you make your decision. Thank you.

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