

Dear Council,

As much as people falling under the measure-11 guideline may have at some point committed a serious offense(s), I believe there are many within this population who can become successfully rehabilitated by making positive contributions upon receiving good time. After entering prison, I was hit by a wave of hopelessness that made me feel susceptible to the lures of self-harm as well as hostility towards others with personal hopes of masking my pain. However, instead of caving into such temptations, I found myself carving out a path leading towards being a productive member of Society. It began when I was still set in my selfish ways and I encountered a kind elderly man while incarcerated. This man wanted to share his joy that he got from the Bible and must have seen my depression that he even decided to pay me in treats so that I could see the world through his lens by him sharing the scriptures with me. At the time, I received his tokens of kindness without gratitude and even grew irritated when he had little materialistic items to offer. When he explained that he could no longer afford the treats, but still was eager to read/study the scriptures with me, I told him he was insane and turned my back on him. A few months later, I found the tables turned as I became a victim to someone else's harassments with his loud accusations of me being labeled a coward. To my shock, it was this same amiable man who stood up for me by chasing my harasser away and immediately picked me up with healing words that soothed/alleviated my bruised self-esteem. This was a pivotal point in my life where I decided that I wanted to be like this man who can extend a helping hand to those in need and speak on behalf of people without a voice all with compassionate wisdom. I felt how enriching of a life experience this acquireance of my goal would be to re-invent

Myself as the pillar of the community that it filled me with a sense of purpose. I also felt genuine remorse for the hurtful rejection that I dished at this man and this original guilt transferred over to the numerous people I've fully hurt in the past. Now I wanted to aspire to become this unconditional helping hand specifically to seek redemption in earning the forgiveness from the people I owed to. This seemed like the solution to no longer being trapped in a world of guilt by adopting Christ-like empathy that can heal not only myself, but also others; it was a new-found source of strength. So I started my journey with a ^(Pen,) pen and a pencil, tackling thought-provoking materials such as the LSAT (Law School Admission Test). My efforts began to pay off as I was recently accepted into Corban University in OSCI with a full scholarship to obtain a bachelor's degree of science in psychology. I've also wanted to prove to the system that my aspirations are not merely wishful thinking by maintaining a clean prison record free of major offenses like fighting as well as only a 27 ACRS (likelihood of re-offending) score. If I am given the early release with a uplifting of measure-11, I would have more to prove than just to the justice system as I intend to use my psychology degree in order to secure a counselor/mentor position. The additional source of time if the uplifting is granted would allow me to get a head start in searching for compatible jobs while still in my 30s rather than in my 40s. It would facilitate my earlier transition into society in which I could practice early on adequate skills necessary in counseling/mentoring preferably in relationships and addictions. After cultivating my expertise in such fields, I can more quickly establish my own practice/therapy that could offer non-profit services to people in need with the earlier release I could be granted. I can see myself genuinely happy in pursuing this career path because it fulfills my renewed sense of purpose in life. It would just be a tremendous burden lifted off my shoulders to do so with a several years

For the past 6 years of my imprisonment

Worth of head start where I could essentially take on
Some of the job sources, hiring opportunities, and clients of
greatest need for help that may never pass again twice. } It would allow
I notice from my surrounding Corban University colleagues } my positive influence
that I'm just one of the many alike me who came to prison for } to spread effectively
the first time and can make the best of a second chance } with more opportunities
by shaping the larger culture for the better if their measure-all restrictions } seized with more time
are taken away with credit to the people that had the power to } conserved.
believe in them.

Thank you for considering my story

Sincerely,

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