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I was a Corrections Officer at OSP for 17 years. Our institution held 2200 inmates. Over those years I spoke daily with a wide variety of inmates and came to the conclusion that at least until they paroled none of them should be voting on anything. These individuals have committed crimes, many of them so egregious that they shock the imagination. Even the lesser crimes they committed should disqualify them from voting and helping to form the fabric of any civil society! However, the most shocking component of this legislation is the corrupt and cynical reasons why Democrats are supporting this perversion of Justice. In the 17 years that I was part of OSP security I would estimate that 99% of the inmates I talked to identified as Democrats! Our state Reps and Senators are certainly aware of this. Inmates know very well who sides with them over the citizens of Oregon, and that is Democrats. This is obvious to even the most casual observer of Oregon politics. Our Governor recently released over a thousand inmates and commuted the death sentences of every monster on death row, all of whom I know personally. SB 579 is an insult to every law abiding Oregonian, and a shock to the conscience of anyone with any sense morality. Do not pass this perversion of justice. Respectfully, Gary Streaan.