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Measure: SB320

Please reject SB320. This bill is bad for Oregon and bad for Oregonians.

Crime is on the increase in Oregon. Citizens are increasingly feeling the need to prepare to defend themselves and their homes. Businesses are abandoning the state because the high rates of crime make continuing to operate a business unsustainable. People are avoiding some neighborhoods and even some cities because of their reputation for unbridled crime. Portland has become a national poster child for what happens when a government allows crime to flourish with little if any penalty.

And now the legislature suggests removing Measure 11 minimum sentencing requirements for all crimes except murder? Removing minimum sentencing for child molestation? Removing minimum sentencing for felony assault? Removing minimum sentencing for rape including rape of a child? Removing minimum sentencing for manslaughter?

We owe it both to the criminals and the victims of their crimes to ensure that crime does not pay in Oregon. Ever.

Now is not the time. Our crumbling Oregon is not the place.

Vote no on SB320.