

To: Legislators

RE: SB 320

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Hello, I support SB 320 and I ask that the legislators on this committee please take a good hard look at what this bill offers to those that deserve it. We all know now, several years into Measure 11 that the Measure did not do what some thought it would do (deter criminals and lock up dangerous people to keep our communities safe). Prisons are overcrowded, criminals are running rampant on the streets anyways and drug use is a common practice in most neighborhoods.

We need to re-invest our time, efforts and taxpayers' money into

REHABILITATION. Measure 11 offenders do not receive any treatment and are not given any counseling services or treatment programs. I too, was under the assumption that when my son went to prison, he would be provided a treatment plan and monitored for progress on meeting his goals. I thought he would be offered counseling both individual and group to work on his behaviors that lead him to break the law in the first place, and how he could learn from his past mistakes. I was shocked to learn none of this was true. He is locked up and warehoused until his release date. Continually he has asked for counseling, or treatment. Each time he was told "You are a measure 11 you do not have a treatment plan, you are just here". This makes no sense to me.

Why not make good use of the time offenders must serve by educating and rehabilitating these adults in custody while we have the time and opportunity. My son has worked hard in prison and been successful in maintaining clear conduct for 10 plus years. This is no easy task inside the prison when you must live around all the disparity, anger, violence, and mental health issues from other inmates you are frequently exposed to. He said to himself he wanted some rehabilitation it did not sit well for him to sit in prison with nothing to do, nothing to look forward to, and nothing positive to hold onto. He decided he would rehabilitate himself. He maintained clear conduct and was able to live on the honor dorm. He has submitted proposals to the prison where he is housed and some of these were approved and put into practice. His goal was to provide a more positive and meaningful life inside of the prison walls. He wanted to offer

various skills that other offenders could learn while promoting and modeling pro-social behavior. **We must** give Adults in custody who do well -some positive reinforcement, award good behavior when we see it. Adults in custody already feel so defeated, and those who work hard to get better, or rehabilitate themselves have to be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel, they have to know they will get another chance to live their lives and be a good, productive law abiding citizen once again. Several offenders are facing incredibly long sentences here in Oregon due to measure 11 – I feel it is cruel and unusual punishment especially since I see horrible crimes being committed in other states who only get ¼- to ½ the sentence Oregon gives offenders.

Times have changed, measure 11 did NOT fix the problems it only made them worse. I think SB 320 is one of our answers. Some adults in custody deserve a second chance. SB 320 would provide inmates with the opportunity to do better, they could be rewarded for turning their lives around. This does not mean all offenders will work towards and start earning good time. This also means a criteria is set up in place for adults in custody who meet the criteria of course . Offenders will need to demonstrate prosocial behavior, be a low risk offender , demonstrated good behavior and not committed any additional crimes since their incarceration. Let's give them some earned good time for good behavior when they deserve it! Let's treat them fairly like other offenders who currently qualify for good time behavior as they were not sentenced under measure 11 .

Currently measure 11 offenders good time credits are calculated each month and given to the offender. I cannot imagine how frustrating it is to see you have earned good time credits but can't use them like the other inmates because of measure 11. Let's make it fair for all! Let's give them hope and encourage all offenders to do better.

Please, show your support for SB 320 and treat offenders fairly by allowing ALL the equal chance to receive positive reinforcement for positive change.

Signed Suzette Lundy- a parent of a measure 11 offender.

Thanks for your consideration.

