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We OPPOSE this bill. Measure 11 was passed by 63% of voters because they were tired of murderers getting life sentences and only serving an average of 8 years, and rapists would be let out early; only serving months instead of the years they were supposed to serve. Crimes should be looked at individually, and appropriate sentencing be made based on the severity and intent of the crime. Not all crimes warrant a minimum sentence, most deserve the full punishment. There is a long continued history by the Oregon Legislature to allow violent criminals to run rampant in Oregon. Criminals will continue to escalate their crimes here in Oregon, especially since there are no long term consequences to their actions. We must hold criminals AND the Legislature accountable.