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To the Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am submitting testimony in support of Senate Bill 320. The passing of Measure 11 in 1994 amidst other racist "crime bills" remains an abominable scar on Oregon's history. This has compounded the harm the prison system has inflicted on the population, which continues to disproportionately over-sentence Black, Indigenous, queer, immigrant and other marginalized people in Oregon. About 47% of prisoners currently incarcerated in Oregon are serving sentencing from Measure 11 mandatory minimums, and any reduction or elimination in this time is urgently needed.

SB 320 does not go far enough -- truly, this legislature must work towards ending incarceration as punishment completely and work towards establishing more effective, human and just methods of addressing harm -- but it is a worthwhile step towards correcting the mistakes this state made 30 years ago.

Thank you,  
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