

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen of the Public Safety Committee,

I am writing to you in regards to house bill 3194.

Measure 11 a blanket law, is unconstitutional and cruel & inhumane with such long sentences. My son was sentenced under Measure 11 for Robbery 2 {fake gun} in 2008. He had never been in any trouble ever. He became addicted to oxycontin that was prescribed by a doctor. He pulled off a number of robberies before finally being caught. He was sentenced to 79 months. Not the judge or the prosecuting district attorney thought he should he be given such a long sentence, but their hands were tied because of Measure 11. Before he went to prison he went into rehab and made restitution. Luckily he has persevered in prison. He will graduate in June with 3 degrees. Now he sits in Prison for the next 3 years {around \$90,000.000 I believe} being a drain on tax payers instead of being a contributing member of society, that he is so much more than ready to be.

I beg you to change the sentencing guidelines, give a second look & give good time credit, to non-violent offenders that stay on a program. A lot of these offenders are kids, who have made some very bad choices {a human's brain has not fully matured until they are 30 years old} that they are locking up with murders & deviants and they are practically receiving the same sentences, and in some cases a longer sentence. I know a lot of people thought they were voting for, "3 strikes and you're out law" when they voted for Measure 11. The 1 strike and you're out law.

Thank you for your time & consideration,

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