

Statement

Ballot Measure 112 is a simple—but critically important—measure that will amend the Oregon Constitution to reflect our shared belief that slavery is wrong and has no place in our state.

Currently, and as a result of history, Oregon is one of only 20 states whose state constitution still permits slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime. It's time to bring our constitution in line with our values, and remove this outdated language.

The Oregon Constitution should reflect the people it represents—it's our shared statement about our values and priorities. The existing language, which contains exceptions for slavery and involuntary servitude, is a 165-year-old relic that is far out of touch with our values as Oregonians – and as moral beings. By voting yes on Ballot Measure 112, we'll be saying in a clear voice: Slavery is wrong, no exceptions.

Supporting Measure 112 isn't a partisan issue. Amending this language is overwhelmingly supported by Republicans and Democrats. It's just common sense.

The legislative referral to send this measure to the ballot was passed by an overwhelming, bipartisan majority of Oregon legislators. Now, we're asking you to join us in amending this outdated language. Once approved by voters, Measure 112 will rid our state constitution of language allowing slavery and involuntary servitude for people convicted of a crime.

We have a moral obligation to rid our constitution of this dehumanizing loophole, and fully end slavery in Oregon by voting yes on Measure 112.

Please join us in voting **Yes on Measure 112.**

