

I am writing in support of SB 191 and making it retroactive. This directly affects my family in such an enormous manner. My daughter was sentenced to 14 years at the age of 25. My husband and I are raising her two children, ages 4 and 7 at the time. Our jobs allowed us to move to Washington state so we can take her kids to see her. The length of time for this first time, non violent offender has had a direct impact on my entire family, including her children. My daughter has never been in trouble before and got tangled up with a man 21 years her senior when she was 22 and in post partum depression. She went back to work at McDonalds three days after giving birth to her daughter. He got her into drugs, stripping, the whole thing. She is from a good home and had we been a presence in her life in Oregon, this would have never happened. She had no family here and had followed her now heroin addicted husband to Oregon. This man was a monster and found the perfect victim in my daughter. She truly deserves a second chance at life. Chelsea knows and accepts what she did wrong. Her remorse is constant. She has been a model prisoner for five years but has moments of feeling there is no light at the end of her tunnel. Two judges actually told the DA that this was too much time and to rethink it. He chose not to. Please vote Yes and give my other grandchildren that live in other states an opportunity to know and to see their Nana and Papa. This affects so, so many people. Please vote YES.