

March 12, 2021

Senate Committee on the Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation
900 Court St NE - Room 453
Salem OR 97301

IN RE: Testimony in Support of House Bill 2172

Dear Committee Members:

Kindly accept this letter as my testimony in favor of House Bill 2172 which would "... convert certain mandatory minimum sentences for specified felonies other than murder to presumptive sentences."

Mandatory sentencing has never proven to be of any value in reducing crime. Judges should always have a certain degree of latitude to adjust sentences to meet the needs of individual defendants and the circumstances of individual crimes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony to the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JD Gladwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

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