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Senate committee:

I am currently incarcerated for measure 11 charges, I have been incarcerated since 2009. I currently have 12 year left on my sentence. I was in and out of trouble from 2009-2014, I hit a turning point in my life where - I didn't want that life any longer. I decided on my own that I needed to change and that I could not do it alone, I took the initiative to sign up for and complete the following classes and courses:

- ① - Skills for Better Living,
- ② - Spanish Art (Mental Health)
- ③ - Skill Training (DBT),
- ④ - Adult Basic Education program,
- ⑤ - ABE II,
- ⑥ - Blood and Body Spill,
- ⑦ - BHG Spanish DBT,
- ⑧ - Baptism (2013),
- ⑨ - 4 years sobriety,
- ⑩ - Custodial procedures Level 1 & 2,
- ⑪ - Dialectical Behavior Therapy
- ⑫ - Narcotics Anonymous,
- ⑬ - Blood Borne Pathogen Training,
- ⑭ - completion of GED diploma,
- ⑮ - ACCI cognitive awareness course,
- ⑯ - ACCI offender responsibility course,
- ⑰ - ACCI Anger Management course,
- ⑱ - ACCI Domestic violence course
- ⑲ - ACCI offender correction course,
- ⑳ - Toastmasters International communication program,

amongst other performance certificates, none of the programs or classes were mandatory, or required. I did them on my own will. I do not get any good time, or any other benefits, other than changing my life.

I know that if I can change my life and turn it around, that others can too. Measure 11 AIC's currently don't lose anything for not taking classes. That also means that they don't earn anything. If they had something that would spur them to taking courses like I have, they will change. It might not work for everyone but it does work. That means that some of the people that benefit from these courses would be less likely to re-offend.

That means less people getting victimized. That is why it is important that Measure 11 AIC's receive good time with strict case plans to take courses and programming for change.

* My family is doing time with me, every day that I am away has an effect on them as well. So they are my victims too. But positive changes affect them as well. That is why this is so important. If we are given a reward for working, I guarantee we will work even harder because we have more to look forward to, that means hundreds, or even thousands less people being victimized overall. We are asking for equal opportunity. We can and will make it work. The winners will be the system, DOC, AIC's, and most important, the community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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