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Senate Committee on Judiciary & Ballot Measure 11
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
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RE: SB 191, 401 and HB 2172, 2002

I write to offer support for Senate Bills 191, 401 and House Bills 2172, 2002 that the Legislature is contemplating at this time. While I made some poor judgment calls and deserved to be held accountable for my actions, Measure 11 has served to ensure that I have been separated for far too long from my circle of support in the community.

My incarceration has been time for me within which to engage in deep self-reflection and introspection regarding my life to this point and what I have needed to do so that I may use my bad decisions and negative experiences as moments of learning so that I may grow in a positive direction and hopefully be granted an earlier release with legislative reform and be a productive, law abiding citizen. I realize that my past actions that were bathed in ignorance and lack of insight and respect for personal boundaries have caused me shame and caused the community to lose trust in me, thus appropriately revoking my privilege to remain in it. I have made some terrible decisions in the past and there will be many consequences I will have to face for the rest of my life based on my past. That will never change. What I make of my future is up to me and I know there is a light at the end of the tunnel ahead.

In the end, I humbly ask that you pass Measure 11 reform that will ensure earned time for those sentenced going forward as well as those of us still in prison. Thank you for your time and attention on this very important subject.

Sincerely, 
Brandon Paine-Smith

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