

Senators and Workshop participants,

It is exciting to see a modification to measure 11 make it as far as it has this year. This past year especially has been hard on all of us due to this awful pandemic. I am writing to present my view of the need to be able to earn good time. I have been incarcerated for 3 1/4 years and during that time I have learned a lot about the prison system from the inside. I realize that every crime, no matter what it may be effects many people in one way or another. I also see that with measure 11, it puts many different people in one pool and sentences them all the same with a starting point of 75 months Day for Day. This is heartbreaking for many and their families especially first time offenders. Each situation should be looked at and sentenced individually, but since it is not it would be fair, it seems, to be able to earn good time like nearly all others incarcerated. Since I have been down I have had a job and every job was a stepping stone for the next and finally the one I have now as a Plumber in the physical plant. My hope was to help start an apprenticeship but it seems that my institution wants nothing to do with that. I have a business employing and supporting 30 families that would like to see me back helping to rebuild what has been lost since I was taken away. My kids are now in college with debt building up yearly that would love some help paying. Every day I do what I can to be positive in myself and others around me just like I am when I am free from this negative situation. There

are so many people that need me in there  
life and all I am asking is the chance  
to earn some time back in my life and be  
looked at as an individual not as a group.  
The Danger in this environment would most  
definitely lower if AIC's had a positive outlook  
and a reason to do well and better their  
own being. It is hard to call this  
Corrections when most who have no incentive  
will do nothing to search for a better  
way within these walls. PLEASE PLEASE

help me and the others who want and  
deserve ~~to be~~ a chance to be back  
with families, Businesses and a positive  
piece of Society a chance to earn  
some time back in our lives and get  
away from this with lessons learned.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON SB 191 and Spark  
the need to be better and productive in  
Others.

Thank You

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