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Greetings Senator,

I am writing to you in regards to a topic that I feel is very important. **SB-191**;
I of course am a prisoner at the Oregon State Penitentiary. I am doing a life sentence for a murder I committed 21 years ago at the age of 18. That sentence will make me ineligible for the Measure 11 reform bill **191**. Still I believe passionately in this.

Since I have come to prison my mother passed away, 2 of my older brothers have passed and my daughter (who I am very proud of), has had 2 babies. This passage of time and family has of course changed me. Luckily for me and those close to me, my change is now a positive one. I am doing everything I can to create more change in others. I am mentoring and creating classes and genuinely trying to help all these young guys who come and go.

Please help my cause!! I need you to vote yes and promote yes on **SB-191** so we can give **the chance** to earn good time to all AIC (adults in custody). This will be the hook I can use to direct these guys coming in here to join in and participate in the programs I am now a part of.

For the last 21 years I have been watching guys come in here, (many teenagers and first time offenders) who have no incentive to change. Sure, they might stay out of trouble out of fear of going to solitary confinement, but true change and a commitment to programs are rare. I honestly believe giving them a chance at hope via good time will get these guys into classrooms, Narcotics Anonymous, Mental Health services and other needed programs. All this bill does is say "show me" to the AIC's who need the direction and a little motivation. I beg you; help me create a safer community out there by giving me the tools to send you **Better Human Being's** to be your neighbors.

I was inspired to write you after listening to Senator Peter Courtney's speech about the Oregon Trail. Sometimes the best thing to do is to blaze a new trail and do the hard work and create change to better protect and take care of our families and communities.

Thank you so much for your valuable time.

Sincerely,

Stephen Weavill