

SB-191

Measure 11 Reform Bill to Allow Adults-in-Custody to Earn Good Time

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Senator,

This is my plea to you for support in the pending reform Measure 11 (M-11) Bill to allow all Adults-in-Custody (AIC), the chance to earn good time to reduce their sentences for making the changes in their life's which are going to allow them to succeed outside of the Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP).

As an AIC at OSP, I have witnessed the hopelessness in so many first-time offenders sentenced under M-11, with their world taken away and nothing to lose, so many have gotten lost in a life of crime.

There are many opportunities to better oneself within prison but, most just can't see the end of the road. By passing this M-11 reform bill to allow AICs to earn good time (and make it retroactive); I believe that we can hold people accountable and at the same, it will make us all better humans to transition back to yours and our communities.

Currently, I have 2 years left on my 14 ½ year M-11 sentence. But, if this bill was made retroactive it would give me a head start at rebuilding my relationships and restoring trust with my (3) sons, community, and my family.

There is many AICs that would benefit from this bill and in turn there are so many families and communities which would benefit as well.

No matter the outcome, I greatly appreciate you for taking the time to read this letter. I am grateful to the non-profit group, 'Time Does Not Fit the Crime', for advocating and for their efforts in seeing this Bill pass.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

AIC Travis Epps

