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SENATE COMMITTEE
JUDICIARY AND BALLOT MEASURE 110 IMPLEMENTATION
900 COURT STREET N.E. ROOM 453
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RE: MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS

I AM WRITING IN CONCERNS AND HOPES OF THE REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS OF OREGON'S MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCING LAWS: ORS 137.635 AND ORS 137.700.

MEASURE 4 AND MEASURE 11, MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCING LAWS "HAS NOT" LOWERED VIOLENT CRIMES, MAKE THE PUBLIC SAFER, INCREASE INCENTIVATIVE RATES (LOWERED REPEAT VIOLENT OFFENDERS). AS A STATISTICAL FACT: VIOLENT CRIMES AND REPEAT VIOLENT OFFENDERS HAS RISEN TO ASTRONOMICAL HIGHER LEVELS IN THE LAST 25 YEARS.

FACTORS OF INCREASES:

- #1.) AN OFFENDER WHO KNOWS HE/SHE IS GOING AWAY FOR A LONG PRISON TERM, WILL DESPERATELY ACT MORE VIOLENT TO AVOID CAPTURE;
- #2.) POVERTY AND NO EDUCATION, NO JOB TRAINING OR AVAILABILITY;
- #3.) ADULTS IN CUSTODY WHO ARE PUSHED ASIDE OR PUT ON BACKBURNERS -- NOT ELIGIBLE FOR TRANSITIONAL LEAVES, WORK RELEASE, EARNED GOOD-TIME, SENTENCE REDUCTION FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR; THEY EVENTUALLY ARE RELEASED BACK OUT INTO THE COMMUNITIES WITH NO EDUCATION, NO TREATMENT, NO VOCATIONAL TRAINING, NO PROGRAMMING;
- #4.) THERE ARE 12,000 ADULTS IN CUSTODY SERVING MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES CURRENTLY, WHO ARE OFFERED NO CARROT AT THE END OF THE STICK, NO INCENTIVES -- THEY WILL BE RELEASED BACK OUT IN THE PUBLIC WORSE THAN THEY WERE BEFORE THEY CAME TO PRISON, HATEFUL, ANGRY, VENDETTIVE, AGGRESSIVE, VIOLENT, ANIMOSITY, GANG-MENTALITY.

WE ARE HOPING THAT THESE REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS WILL BE "RETROACTIVE" TO OFFER ELIGIBILITY FOR SENTENCE REDUCTION ON THE BASIS OF (A.J.C.'S) PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION, TREATMENT, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, PROGRAMS, GOOD BEHAVIOR -- FAIR AND EQUALLY? TO ALL ADULTS IN CUSTODY CURRENTLY, "EXCEPT" FOR MURDER CONVICTIONS?

SINCERELY TRUE,
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