

My name is Bobby Jackson. I am 31 years old, I am a father, a son, a brother, a uncle, and a medically retired Marine Corp Veteran.

In 2013, I was sentenced to three robberies in the second degree, measure 11 offenses. Previous to these charges I had no felony record. Subsequently, I was sentenced to 70 months mandatory minimum, Measure 11 time, and 50 months consecutive to that, 120 months total.

The circumstances of my case started with injuries during active duty service. I was put on long term opioid pain management due to severe chronic pain from three injuries/surgeries. I was medically retired with a honorable discharge because of these injuries which left me with permanent disabilities. I came home with a VA compensation check and a addiction to my prescriptions. Soon thereafter, I was robbing pharmacies for the same opioid I was being prescribed. Injustly, these circumstances are not considered in any type of way due to Measure 11 during my court proceedings. I was automatically disqualified for Veterans Court because of Measure 11 also.

Above all else, I have been discriminated against because of Measure 11 in many ways. In particular, I haven't been able to earn good time/sentence reduction for my good behavior and programming due to Measure 11 convictions. Any other convictions, I would be rewarded for my conduct and educational endeavors with a sentence reduction. It's time to equal out the scales of justice.

Measure 11 has destroyed families. My daughter who is almost 8 years old, was only 2 months old when I fell. It's a crying shame and a stain on America, that no matter how much I do the right thing, my daughter can't get her father back any sooner. She's literally never had me home. My story isn't uncommon at all. Measure 11 victims are far and wide. Unfortunately, it don't stop at the offender, nor the person the crime is against, it's the names off the court documents that are unaccounted for.

I plea for you to vote yes on SB 191, and for you to urge your colleagues to vote yes on it as well. Also, this bill should remain retroactive rewarding those individuals who did good even when they weren't receiving a sentence reduction for their behavior and those with bad conduct history will not recieve sentence reduction. That's a fair, equal, and just rehabilitation system. Measure 11 good time will create great morale amongst AIC's and D.O.C employees. It will also create a tool for correctional officers to utilize for AIC's under their caseload sentenced to Measure 11 for rehabilitation purposes.

Take a stand! Be part of the change, and let's make progress. Thank you for your time and consideration. This will change my life and so many others.

Yes on SB 191,  
Bobby Jackson