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Re; Senate Bill 191

March 24, 2021

To The Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee;

My name is Mark Daniel Smith, a 38-year-old male. I am currently incarcerated with in the Oregon Department of Corrections at Oregon State Correctional Institution. I was sentenced to a Measure 11 crime and received 100-month sentence in October of 2018.

Since my incarceration I have made every attempt possible to correct my negative attitude, actions and behaviors by working through my hurts, habits and hang-ups. I have taken every self-help class and/or program that Oregon State Correctional Institution has to offer. I facilitate Celebrate Recovery every Monday and Wednesday night. Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step recovery program based on Jesus Christ and The Beatitudes found in the bible at Matthew 5:3-10. I also Co-facilitate the Domestic Violence and D.U.I.I. Impact Panels every Saturday afternoon. I continue to participate in and help with the anger management, addictive mindsets and parenting programs here at O.S.C.I. as well.

I have never had a disciplinary report or been in any trouble for that matter. I have a trusted position with in the Carpentry Shop where I have been sharpening the skills I already possess, and learning valuable skills that will further my career and future upon my return to society. I have a second job as well as the institution photographer in which I have found a life long hobby.

I have two minor children at home, Ava Helen-12, and Benjamin Gilbert-8. Benjamin is autistic. I have an amazing support system to include my family, friends, mentor and sponsor who are my accountability partners. I have a job waiting for me as a carpet cleaning technician at Pacific Carpet Care in Seal Rock, Oregon. I own a 27-foot trailer that is parked on my brothers property in Seal Rock Oregon, where I will be living.

If give the opportunity to have earned time/good time I would be able to get back to my children that so desperately need me, especially my autistic son. My children's mother is also in need of my help. She is struggling as a single mother, taking care of two children, working and paying bills. Twenty percent earned/good time would get me home to them twenty months sooner.

I have made mistakes in my past and I have taken responsibility for them and am paying for those mistakes every single day. Allowing earned/good time for Measure 11 convictions for people that can demonstrate pro-social behavior and rehabilitation would benefit not only said Adults in Custody but also their children, families, the tax payers, The Department of Corrections and the beautiful State of Oregon.

Please pass Senate Bill 191 for the sake of Oregon. Thank you.

Respectfully,



MARK DANIEL SMITH 3/24/21