

Dear Senate Committee,

March 26, 2021

My name is Brooke Keppler and I am currently serving a twelve and a half year sentence under Measure II. My letter to you today is about SB191. I am in favor of keeping it retroactive and wanted to write this letter to you to voice my thoughts about the bill.

Society has labeled inmates as monsters, burdens on society, dangerous and third class citizens and such. This has mainly been fueled by the Media and Press trying to sway the opinion of Law Makers, Tax Payers and Voters into believing that we are broken and unrehabilitatable. To some this is true, but just like that old saying "One bad apple spoiles it for the whole bunch". You have those that can't follow the rules and are in and out of Prison serving yet another sentence on a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> offence for the same crime. Now there are a great deal of inmates who could benefit from this incentive of good time, who follow the rules and just want a second chance to prove themselves. I would love the opportunity to prove myself. Most people out there will never know the struggles of life on the inside. Giving a person hope and an incentive to be good is a big part of rehabilitation.

Another issue I want to bring to your attention is Mental Health. I am a firm believer in holding people accountable for their actions, but what I don't agree with is the amount of time that's being handed out under ballot Measure II. Measure II is damaging our community

March 22, 1981

Dear Senator Commission

My name is George Kopp and I am currently serving a two-yr and a half year sentence under Measure II. My letter to you today is about 2/18/81. I am in favor of keeping it retroactive and wanted to write the letter prior to voice my thoughts about the bill.

Society has labeled inmates as monsters because we society: hangovers and third class citizens and such. This has mainly been fueled by the Media and Press trying to sway the opinion of Law Makers. Tax Payers and Voters into believing that we are broken and irredeemable. To some this is true, but just like that old saying "One bad apple spoils it for the whole bunch." You know those that don't follow the rules and are thrown out of Prison serving yet another sentence for a 2nd or 3rd offense. For the same reason that there are a great deal of inmates who could benefit from their sentence of good time. Who follow the rules and just want a second chance to prove themselves. I would love the opportunity to mean myself. Most people say there will never learn the error of life on the inside. Giving a person hope and an incentive to be good is a big part of rehabilitation.

Another issue I want to bring to your attention is Mental Health. I am a firm believer in holding people accountable for their actions but what I don't agree with is the amount of time that's being handed out under Measure II. Measure II is changing the consequences

splitting families apart, costing tax payers millions keeping first time offenders locked away for decades. But what I have learned as an inmate myself for the past three and a half years, is that there are a lot of kind hearted good people in Prison that just made a bad choice. They want a second chance to prove that they can be a productive member of society with no problems. Most offenders got hit with so much time that even giving them 20% good time will still leave them serving quite a lengthy sentence. Measure 11 is too harsh of a punishment for first time offenders. Locking a person down for decades that are rehabilitatable is hazardous to their Mental Health and State of Mind.

In closing I just want to say that the greatest reward for me would be to be a part of my kids life again. My boys need me and I need them. Please take into consideration all the families who's lives you could change. Giving an inmate hope and motivation to keep doing good and make the right decisions plays a huge role in the reason we are here in the first place, Rehabilitation. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,




Brooke Keppler

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collaborating families about creating the system will be keeping  
that their effectiveness looked away for the other. But what  
I have learned is an intimate system for the first time and  
a half year is that there are a lot of low financial cost  
people in prison that just want a job there. They want  
a second chance to prove that they can be a productive  
member of society with no substance abuse treatment and  
it will be worth it that even giving them 50% of the  
time will still leave them earning quite a healthy amount  
because it is the best of a commitment for the first time  
experience. Looking a person down for decades that are  
rehabilitated is not always to their mental health and  
state of mind.

In closing I just want to say that the  
constant contact for me would be to be a part of my life  
life again. My hope was and I want them. Please take  
into consideration all the families who live your world  
around. Giving an inmate hope and motivation to know  
that good and make the right decisions about a huge role  
in the system are all here in the first place. Rehabilitation  
I thank you for your time.

Respectfully  
  
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