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SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND BALLOT
MEASURE 110 IMPLEMENTATION.

SENATORS & REPRESENTATIVES,

GREETINGS AND GOOD MORNING/AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DANIEL NEPOMUCENO, AN INMATE AT THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. I RECENTLY CAME ACROSS INFORMATION CONCERNING BILL, SB 191-RETROACTIVE., THAT IS ASKING FOR THOSE SENTENCE UNDER MEASURE 11 TO BE ALLOWED TO EARN GOOD TIME. BEING AN INDIVIDUAL CONVICTED AND SENTENCE UNDER SAID MEASURE, I WANTED TO REACH OUT AND SHARE MY THOUGHTS, REASONS, AND REALITY OF THE NEGATIVE AND ADVERSE EFFECTS IT HAS ON US AS INMATES, AND TO AN EXTENT ON OUR FELLOW OREGONIANS.

I'VE BEEN INCARCERATED FOR 8½ YEARS, ON A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE OF 25 YEARS. MY MANDATORY SENTENCE HAS NO GOOD TIME TO EARN, OR TO EARN A SENTENCE REDUCTION, AND HAS LESSER INCENTIVES AVAILABLE. THEREBY, MY REHABILITATION OPPORTUNITIES AND PRIORITY IS MINIMAL TO NONE. I BELIEVE THIS FORM OF IMPRISONMENT IS DISCOURAGING, UNUSUAL, DRACONIAN, AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO ONE'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF WORK/LIFE SKILLS; AND IT GIVES US NO HOPE AND REASON TO WANT TO TAKE STEPS FORWARD. FURTHERMORE, IT SINGLES US OUT WITH OUR COUNSELORS, STAFF, PAROLE BOARD, ETC., TO BE CATEGORIZED AS "NON-IMPORTANT" AND "HIGH RISK", DUE TO OUR MIN SENTENCE. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN I ARRIVED AT TRCI I CONTACTED MY COUNSELOR AND ABOUT A WEEK LATER I GOT A PRE-WRITTEN RESPONSE SAYING, BECAUSE OF MY ACRS SCORE /SENTENCE I WASN'T GONNA BE AMONGST THEIR "PRIORITY" CASE-

WARD. I THINK PRISON IS AND SHOULD BE A PLACE TO LEARN FROM ONE'S MISTAKE, UTILIZING IT AS A LESSON TO BE A BETTER PERSON. IT MAKES NO SENCE AT ALL IF PEOPLE ARE LOCKED AWAY WITH MANDATORY SENTENCES AND NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN GOOD TIME / EARN SENTENCE REDUCTION VIA-PRODUCTIVITY, DISPLAYING BETTERMENT & ADVANCEMENT. THESE REASONS OF HOPE AND GROWTH WOULD SPARK MOTIVATION AND DETERMINATION WITHIN ONE. CHANGE AND ADVANCEMENT BEGINS WITH WILLINGNESS AND AVAILABILITY. AN INCENTIVE WOULD HELP TO WORK TOWARD THAT GOAL, EARNING SENTENCE REDUCTION WOULD BOOST MORALE AND SELF-WILL, AND MAKE RE-ENTRY TO SOCIETY BETTER, WITH NEW SKILLS WE PREVIOUSLY LACKED. HENCEFORTH, BECOMING A PRODUCTIVE, ACTIVE, AND POSITIVE COMMUNITY MEMBER, AND MAKING OREGON A SAFER PLACE. SO IT DEFEATS THE PURPOSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SHOWN CHANGE AND IMPROVEMENT, TO BE KEPT INCARCERATED LONG-AFTER.. LASTLY, I THINK IT WOULD ALSO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR ECONOMY (OREGON). FOR TAX-PAYERS MONEY WOULD BE A SMALLER/LESSER INVESTMENT IN KEEPING / PAYING FOR LONG-TERM INMATES (UNDER M11). THUS, MORE MONEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO RE-DIRECT IT TO THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, TRANSPORTATION DEPART., AGRICULTURAL DEPART., CREATE NEW JOBS, ETC.. THIS PROGRESSIVE STATE OF MIND AND UNDERSTANDING CAN ONLY BRING HOPE AND PROSPERITY FOR US ALL AS OREGONIANS. SO YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRULY SHOW WHAT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY GIVEN US (UNDER M-11) A SECOND CHANCE TO DISPLAY OUR FULL POTENTIAL, A "YES" VOTE TO BILL, SB191 - RETROACTIVE, WILL SET THE STAGE AND BE THE GUIDING LIGHT TO ALL NATIONALLY.. I TRULY THANK YOU FOR YOUR TASTE & ATTENTION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS/COMMENTS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME VIA-MAIL OR CALL. BEST REGARDS, DANIEL N.