

To whom it may concern.

At the age of 20 I was sent to prison as a first time offender for 15 years. Now I am 32. That is the first thing wrong with measure 11 the words "first time offender". Now with measure 11 being a prime example with locking up more and more people every year and give them absolutely no incentive to do any good. There are no programs no good time and no rehabilitation period.

I'm going to be honest measure 11 is a complete disgrace to our people and our nation as a whole. When you send young people to prison for years with no incentives what so ever, all you breed is hate and discontent. I know I was one of those people for years. Look at me for example my record all I learned when coming to prison was violence all I was taught was to lie cheat and steal. Gangs tried to recruit me because of my physical ability others feared me and I grew to fear myself. Because of measure 11 handing out lengthy sentences instead of helping with actual rehabilitation and re-insertion in to the public which is part of Oregon's motto we lock you up and hope for the best.

At one point I made the choice to better myself not prison not measure 11 I hated the person I became the bitterness that such a long sentence did to me what prison turned me into and I do believe measure 11 is a extreme factor. Now I am not saying sentences do not need to happen but young peoples lives are ruined by this measure 11. We need to reconstruct measure 11 incentives are key teach kids why what they did was wrong how it was wrong give them reason to earn good time show progress and for god sakes reduce the recidivism rate in Oregon it's been scientifically proven the adult mind does not reach full maturity until around 25 so why are we not on board and helping in the fight to help

our people instead of ruin them. It kills me to see kids coming in younger and younger and giving a damn because why would they, they have no programs or incentives I try like hell to help these kids to lead them toward the light do these right things help yourself but I cannot do it alone even if it does not affect me it's about our future as a nation re-appeal measure 11. All excessive long sentences with no incentives to do good only breed hate and violence lets face it the system is failing people, is failing America rehabilitation should be our top priority and it's not. RE-APPEAL MEASURE 11

Sincerely Tod Bailey

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Tod Bailey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.