

I'm sending this on behalf of a family member who is currently incarcerated and who would be impacted by this bill. "I don't have the numbers at my disposal, but I believe I'm correct when saying measure 11 has not put a dent in the amount of violent crimes committed. Locking humans up in places that are rife with violence as well as crime does not produce better polished humans. I know first hand that Oregon's prisons are breeding grounds for bigger and better criminals. If you're honest with yourselves you will admit to knowing this as well. Caging humans is an unimaginative attempt at rehabilitation. And offering no incentive to grow isn't useful either. I know we can come up with and implement a better plan to cultivate better humans than lengthy sentences with no time off for good behavior. Over 90% of the people sentenced under measure 11 will be released back to the community. Let's make them better than when they went in."