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I am here to speak on behalf of a loved one that is currently in prison. The question before us is, should the ability to earn good time be granted to offenders sentenced under the system of ballot Measure 11 mandatory minimum. In order to produce a beneficial solution to our query we must first start with our goals and purpose. The primary goal and purpose of the Oregon Dept of Corrections is the rehabilitation of offenders so upon release they are pro social citizens who make far and rational decisions, comprehend and express empathy and compassion and have a genuine desire to have a benefit to their fellow citizens. These inmates need more time with one-on-one counseling. In order to achieve this goal our focus must be on the minds of the offenders. I feel that offering good time for good behavior is a positive incentive. If good time has not been offered them there is no real reason for rehabilitation while in prison. When a person has something to work to for inside prison that will put them on a positive path of prison to shorten their stay in person. Time off sentences should be put into place. I really feel if we can get something positive into place for these offenders, they will work harder to become a better person. The objective should be to train the offenders to see that there is no point or reason to break the law. We must reach the mind and restructure the offender's perspective. The offenders deserve a second chance. The measure 11 is mandatory, no good time. This does not help the offenders, nor does it help the Oregon Dept of Corrections. The prisons are overly packed with inmates that have done their time for the crime. We need to give the offenders good time for their good behavior in prison. Thank you for taking the time to listen to me and my thoughts. Please put into place good time. Give these prisoners something to work for.