

Senator Prozanski, Chair Thatcher, I am very much in support of SB 191. You called my name Karen Hendrix I couldn't get video for some reason but did call. My son is incarcerated at Snake River In Ontario, was convicted of Armed Robbery 1 under measure 11. he received 11 years and has done 7 of those. His court appointed attorney only communicated through emails & talked with the DA & suggested to my son he take the deal they were offering or he could spend more time in prison. He knows what he did was wrong, didn't care at the time as he had been on opioids from 2004 -2013 when he was taken off the drugs with no help from the VA, He's a Veteran & served over in Iraq. He tried to seek help but to no avail. He has kept himself out of trouble, works on the body spill crew, has taken a class for janitorial, he has attended VA counseling groups for his PTSD. Had my son gotten the help he needed he would of NEVER committed any crime, Never would of thought of such a thing. He has nieces & nephews that know of him but hasn't had the opportunity to meet them in person. My son has a good heart & would give you the shirt off his back if need be. I understand that the system is there to make them pay for their mistakes. He sees those reports they send & because we talk every day I have kept him going so he doesn't feel like "what's the point". He made one bad mistake & now has to live with Felon on his record for the rest of his life! He has a loving family here in PA & will love & support him to keep him free of the drugs that got him incarcerated in the first place. So please consider all that you have heard today & Pass SB 191 Thank you Karen Hendrix