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Testimony by Tena Fairfield

I am in support of SB320

On November 11th 1994 Oregonians approved Ballot Measure 11. The voters were lead with a pamphlet which read "We Must Imprison *All Violent and Repeat Offenders* and Keep Them Locked Up For a Substantial Amount of Time", this was 30 years ago and this archaic measure has only diversified over the years into a "one size, fits all" incarceration tool.

Because my loved one is not a repeat nor a violent offender. The cost of incarceration continues to rise as inflation continues to squeeze the family. In turn the inmate can be a major contributor in his and his family's financial future if released on SB320. Money spent keeping an incarcerated inmate is money that can be positively utilized in other ways.

I believe that inmates that do NOT fall under the Violent & Repeat offender, want to change for the better if given a 2nd chance. They want to be re-united with family and start rebuilding their lives.

SB320 will offer a second chance for those who have earned it by their actions while incarcerated.

Thank You for your time.