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My brother is currently incarcerated with measure 11 charges at only 27 years old. This is his first and only time being incarcerated. He has no previous criminal background, a hard working man, amazing father, and so much more. He is now facing a 20 year sentence due to the mandatory minimums of measure 11 charges and how the judge ran his sentencing. His entire life stripped from him and his 3 young children. His alleged crime was not intentional, aggressive, or premeditated. This night was the result of a complete black out after consuming too much alcohol. Without even having statements or evidence to prove my brother was cognitively aware of his actions, which he was not, the judge deemed he was and therefore charged him with multiple measure 11 charges. The judge also charged him with multiple of the same charges due to saying they were separate episodes. However the entirety of this alleged crime was all within 2 hours. The judge was able to manipulate the measure 11 charges into such to stack 20 years upon my brother. As I stated before, no criminal background, hard working, great member of society, always lending a hand to others in need, and so much more. Yet somehow repeat offenders come in and out of our prison system committing new crimes every time they are released and yet because that specific crime doesn't fall under a measure 11 charge, they are able to walk away with very little time. The measure 11 ballot is cruel and does not help "rehabilitate" these inmates. The men and women facing longer sentencing have higher odds of being involved in gang affiliation while incarcerated, leading them further down the negative path, and when they are finally released, they are back doing their same crimes- if not worse. I believe shorter sentencing to first time offenders is fair, just, and will have better outcomes. Repeat offenders are the only ones that should need to look at serving the minimums for the measure 11 charges. Thank you.