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I worked as a Licensed Professional Counselor. I worked at a P&P in Oregon, and at a PSRB residence, and with sex offense criminals. Good behavior in an institution where there are no potential targets/victims is not indicative of good behavior when let loose in society. I have talked with countless clients who said they participated in prison programs solely in order to get out early. They felt smug about having graduated when they thought the programs were a joke.

Keeping the community safe must be very low on the list of priorities for proponents of this bill. If you think everyone can change for the better if given the opportunity, I've got news for you.

Our local communities are already struggling because the DA's office can't afford to prosecute many crimes. We're sick of the assaults, the property crimes that happen every day in every neighborhood and for which the criminals face zero consequences. And now this? You really aren't reading the room.

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