

I support this bill but still, I am so angry. If you only do half the job then that job is not done. If you only take half the medicine you're not going to get well. If you expunge the records of the people who have been raped by the system but mete out no accountability to the officers who deliberately inflicted this injury then the problem is not solved. The work being done by the OPDS commission misses the boat as well. It is difficult but I am refraining from using curses and expletives as I write this.

First I want to recognize the motivation to help people that have been labeled convict or Criminal. There is a certain amount of kind intent in this gesture.

Now let's address the truth. This measure is Half Baked. It does nothing to prevent these labels from being hung around our necks to begin with. The US has been incarcerating people at a rate five times that of any other country on the planet for decades. It is apparent but many many people never deserved to have this burden thrust upon them in the first place. We have all heard the old saying "communication is the problem and the solution". Like so many of the social woes we are afflicted with here in Oregon, the root cause of so many people being stuck with criminal records is the inability of judges and other officers of the Court to communicate effectively. If they cannot communicate then they cannot assign value to the skills accrued by the accused and they cannot competently evaluate the validity of the charges against the accused either. Granted, the courts are overwhelmed with the number of cases. Oregon leadership turned a blind eye to the need for more resources just as they did in so many other areas even when we had a windfall from time to time.

That's no excuse. I'm not willing to forgive and forget. The corruption that has lead to this gross terrorist behavior on the part of the state needs to be addressed directly. What this bill proposes is to sweep the dirt out from under the rug after the fact. It does little or nothing to Hold the state accountable for the crimes they've committed against the people nor does it prevent these crimes from being committed again and again.

#### MY STORY

I am innocent. you don't have to take my word for it. Order transcripts for all the hearings and trial for case number 13p3111 from Polk County. Judge Sally Avera had the charges for domestic violence, the divorce, and the custody battle all rolled into the one case number and assigned it to the docket in her courtroom. When I was sentenced to six months in jail she read the charge out loud "harassment as constitutes domestic violence". the district attorney Aarron Felton spoke up "these charges do not constitute domestic violence" and judge Avera agreed. Then she read the identical charge three more times and repeated each time "as constitutes domestic violence." Mr Felton did not bother to speak up again. I filed an appeal but the state simply rubber stamped the conviction and sentence.

If you take the time to read the transcript it will become apparent to you why the judge soon retired after I wrote letters and made phone calls to the commission on judicial Fitness and disability. By the time I left the jail the sheriff had retired early and Mark Gurton had taken over.

The commander of the jail and her first lieutenant had also been fired. At least that's what I've been told. When the deputies came to the mental health pod and started harassing the woman in the cell next to me I started yelling at the deputy. I was demanding a kite so I could report his behavior. Instead they manufactured charges for assaulting an officer with a photo of a scratch on his arm that had already healed substantially. Attorney and judge Pro Tem John Weiner and attorney Catherine Trottman filed a plea bargain on my behalf in spite of my objections. I had been receiving reminders to show up in court each morning due to mental health issues. I didn't get a phone call that time because they didn't want me in the courtroom. Catherine Troutman tells me that she had to do it or Aaron Felton was going to put me in prison.

There is so much more to say but I am afraid this letter is already too long to expect you to actually read it. Please look at my credentials. I pursued healthy parenting and communication skills rigorously for many years before and after being charged. You can see my resume and criminal history for yourself at [vreppeto.wordpress.com/about/](http://vreppeto.wordpress.com/about/) . I am not going to let you expunge my record for It does not reflect on my crimes, it reflects on yours.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor Reppeto', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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