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TO: Nevada Senate Judiciary

RE: S.B.413... Credits for Nevada Department of Corrections Prison Residents... No. Do not pass as written.

I oppose this bill today because Section 1, part 1 excludes, denies, stops, prevents, removes credits/days for these particular populations of our NV prison residents:

- (a) Any crime that is punishable as a felony involving the use 12 or threatened use of force or violence against the victim. 13
- (b) A sexual offense that is punishable as a felony. 14
- (c) A violation of NRS 484C.110, 484C.120, 484C.130 or 15 484C.430 that is punishable as a felony. 16
- (d) A category A or B felony.

And added throughout S. B. 413==the entire bill for crimes committed before January 1, 2025? No.

THE LONG CREDIT PING PONG BALL PROCESS BETWEEN NV AGENCIES

Plus, there is no mention of the debilitating process that our prison residents have to go through to get credits.

See the attached chart NV parole timeline diagram, the jumping bean release dates that just 1 NV prison resident has reported. NOTE: if you need this typed for easier reading, let me know.

Could we withstand such mental uncertainty and torture?

There is no streamlining the credit process (that you heard about last summer in a hearing) mentioned in S. B. 413 between agencies. This case, in my opinion, has kept backing

up this person's release date... causing this individual to be beyond his release eligibility date, now backed up months, until 29 January 2023. How many more individuals are beyond their release dates because of these credit disputes among NDOC's Offender Management Division, Parole and Probation, the Attorney General's office, Department of Public Safety, the Sex Offender Management Division, the courts, and who really knows all the rest of those involved in figuring out credits?

INCREASING DISASTROUS EVENTS THROUGH EXCLUSION OF GOOD TIME CREDITS/DAYS

S. B. 413 in reality means more brain function damage physically, mentally, emotionally and intuitively (spiritually) from which recovery is extremely difficult. For too many==prison trauma can last a lifetime.

The vulnerable populations excluded in Section 1, 1, from earning credits in S. B. 413 would now have more years added to suffer==beyond what the court has given them, more opportunities to have time added because of more time opportunities to be beaten, stabbed, dying of hunger and more issues in our still unregulated to standards prisons.

IS THIS OVERT DISCRIMINATION?

In my opinion, S.B. 413 is overt discrimination in an escalating war against those with mental and physical disabilities who

have little to no treatment in our Nevada prisons because of inadequate number of treatment staff reduced to riding on benches in a supposed ADA NDOC vehicle because their wheelchairs won't fit up ramps? No new wheelchairs or vans.

Further, prison residents with disabilities still cannot get work that they are supposed to be able to get per the Feb 11, 2021, Sisolak USDOJ agreement, which needs your attention now.

So, with removing rewards for doing the near impossible under nearly insurmountably grim living conditions, why should this population work or go to school? No credits/days? No incentive to do anything at all? Unthinkable, isn't it?

S. B 413 further supports our NV prison slavery, not yet repealed in our constitution, in actuality.

More punishment, denial, more riots? I hope not, but do this and anything is possible... for the detriment, not the betterment of all... especially with hunger rising inside our institutions... and recent assaults for jumping food lines because of needing more food... to stay alive.

AND THE NDOC RECIDIVISM REPORTS SAY...

In closing, the most recent Nevada Department of Corrections recidivism reports tell us statistically that the DUIs and sex offenders, excluded in S. B 413 are the least likely to reoffend.

You want more punishment beyond the court sentence time mandates? I think not. (Source: NDOC Recidivism reports.)

Become smart on crime, please... stop being tough on crime by taking credits/days from our disadvantaged, caged in concrete and steel fellow human beings, who need your encouragement, not more punishment, denial and continued shaming in laws.

Peace and prosperity for us all.

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