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Subject: Senate Bill 1129: Early Penal Release

With all due respect to the Judiciary Committee,

Please accept this email as my written testimony concerning SB1129 regarding our prison system

1. I am a firm believer that God instituted the death penalty to curb violent crime, repeat offenders, and some antisocial behaviors. The Bible is clear that the death penalty is a deterrent to be used against all repetitive violent crime, and against unrepentant thieves and robbers who refuse to make recompense when a judge so orders.
2. We are living in a time when there is little godly love, and little godly fear of the LORD Almighty or His Word. Given our society's lack of fear or respect for God's Word and for God Himself, we must surely know that it is NOT a fluke that we are living in a time of grievous prison-related costs, the State burdening victims of crime, and burgeoning crime against persons and property.
3. Today, prisons serve as efficient training grounds for criminal training and activity rather than as punishment and cooling off facilities for those not scheduled for capital termination.
4. The first thing we need to do is urge that repentance and faith be our first order of national and statewide business, for without citizens and officials having a change of heart toward God, there is no reason to expect criminals to change their ways or to respect the law or society.
5. The second battle is get our government and law back in touch with biblical reality that demands that government is to wield the sword of truth to execute judgment on evil doers (Romans 13:1-4).
6. The third issue is that we need to enforce the rights of the real victims of crime, as the Bible says.
7. The fourth thing that urgently needs fixing is that, in our system, attorneys and judges must somehow be held accountable for their actions, and the actions of their clients. For too long, attorneys and judges have hidden behind the law while promoting or protecting sin and crime. It is unholy and antisocial for members of the justice system to aid and abet those evil doers whom they allow or help return to our streets, only to strike against society repeatedly, again.
8. There is seldom justifiable moral or social cause for early release, particularly in regard to the early release of violent offenders who repetitively and habitually attack the rights, property, well-being, peace, and lives of the rest of society.
9. I make no apology for my disdain for the carnival ride of early release programs, especially with regard to repeat violent offenders of any criminal persuasion. I insist that government and our penal system stand with God against evil.
10. We must demand the termination of all repeat violent offenders, as should have been done already. That alone will clear a lot of crowded cells.
11. Today, our penal system is little more than big business for those running the prisons, and the prisons are perpetual training schools for criminals. Neither of those facts are good for society. God is NOT happy with what we are doing, especially when so many victims of violent crime suffer residual trauma for the rest of their lives, AND those very victims of violent crime are required by our tax code to contribute from their own livelihoods to support, defend, house, clothe, feed, and medically care for the very perpetrators who attacked those victims. THAT amounts to double-jeopardy victimization that only benefits the criminals. That is NOT right, from a secular perspective or from a biblical perspective!

12. We must clean house by stopping the early release of all repeat and violent offenders. We must clean house by restoring capital punishment for repeat and violent offenders. If we continue to coddle violent and repeat offenders, God will surely hold us all accountable for the filth that we leave lying about draining the moral, spiritual, emotional, and financial resources of society.

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Real courage, in all things great or small, is nothing more, or less, than simply doing what is right, in spite of feelings, personal interests, or circumstances. (Craig M. Szwed, 2013)