



**For Immediate Release
December 16, 2020**

**Contact: Michael Wu
503-595-3913**

Portland – Today the Oregon District Attorneys Association released a survey of 600 registered voters that sought Oregonians opinions on the mandatory minimum sentences for serious violent felonies, known as Ballot Measure 11. The survey is meant to inform Legislative discussions set to take place in 2021.

“As the statewide association serving Oregon’s 36-elected District Attorneys across Oregon, we believe sentencing is always an important conversation for District Attorneys to have with their communities. This survey will help District Attorneys, and policy makers, better understand the public sentiment on mandatory minimum sentences for violent offenders,” said Michael Wu, Executive Director of the Oregon District Attorneys Association.

Generally speaking the survey found the majority of Oregonians have a favorable opinion of BM 11 (54% - Q3). In addition, 78.3% oppose the Legislature reducing mandatory minimum sentences for offenders convicted of violent felonies like murder, forcible rape, armed robbery, and kidnapping (Q5 + Q6) and only 4% support decreasing the mandatory prison sentence for violent felonies (Q8).

The survey also indicates Oregonians are open to conversations about revisiting mandatory minimum prison sentences for certain lower-level assaults and robberies (50% - Q7) and more judicial discretion in sentencing (57.9% - Q9).

The statewide survey was conducted by Fallon Research on December 10th - 14th with a +/- of 4% estimated overall margin of sampling error.

###