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SALEM, OR— Today the Oregon District Attorneys Association (ODAA) released an important data driven overview of Ballot Measure 11 and the pending reform and repeal proposals pending before the 2021 Oregon Legislature. The report contains three components: (1) Executive Summary; (2) Measure 11 Fact Sheet; and (3) a chart explaining the impact of proposed legislative changes to Measure 11.

"This data is consistent with what I personally know from working directly with victims of violent crime throughout my career—Measure 11 keeps our community safer. While I support responsible reforms, repealing Measure 11 will not bring more justice to victims, make Oregonians safer, or sentencing more equitable," said Washington County District Attorney Kevin Barton

Measure 11 provides minimum sentence requirements for Oregon's most physically and sexually violent crimes. It passed with 65% of the vote in 1994, it was reaffirmed in 2000 by 73% of the vote, and statewide polls have gauged voter support at 72% in 2013 and 78% in 2020.

"What this data shows is that after Measure 11 passed, Oregon's violent crime rate dropped dramatically and more than anywhere else in the nation. Over the past 27 years, Oregon's violent crime rate has dropped by more than 50%," shared ODAA Executive Director Michael Wu.

There are currently 4 separate proposals before the Oregon Legislature that seek to reduce prison sentences for Oregon's most violent and sexually dangerous criminals – and many dramatically so (see SB 191, SB 401, HB 2002 and HB 2172). All of the bills would require a 2/3 vote in each Chamber – or 40 House Members and 20 Senate Members.

"We hope that Legislators from across Oregon hear from their constituents on these sweeping reform and repeal proposals. While they have spoken before at the ballot box in favor of mandatory minimum sentences for violent felonies, our Legislators need to hear it again. The proposals as drafted would have devastating effects on victims and their families and our crime rates," stated Paige Clarkson, ODAA President and Marion County District Attorney.

The ODAA report highlights several examples of real life crimes and the potential reduced sentence violent offenders would face under SB 191, SB 401, HB 2002 and HB 2172. For example:

| Crime Example | Measure 11 | Proposed Legislation |
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| Raping a teenager at knifepoint | 8.3 years | 2.8 years or probation |
| Intentionally suffocating a baby and causing permanent blindness | 7.5 years | 2.8 years or probation |
| Attempted Murder | 7.5 years | 2.8 years or probation |
| Filming an adult raping a child | 5.8 years | 7.2 <i>months</i> or probation |

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