

## REBUTTAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PROP 20 PUBLISHED IN THE STATE BALLOT

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Opponents ignore what Proposition 20 really does — it PREVENTS convicted child molesters, sexual predators and other violent inmates from being released from prison early.

Under current law, these inmates now qualify for early release because their violent crimes are classified as “nonviolent.”

Proposition 20 closes this loophole, making crimes like date rape, child trafficking, spouse beating, and assault with a deadly weapon “violent” under the law.

“Proposition 20 does NOT send one new person to prison,” says Michael Rushford, President of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation. “It does NOT allocate funds for new prisons, nor slash funding for mental health and rehabilitation programs. These are FALSE arguments.”

Opponents claim Proposition 20 makes petty theft a “serious felony,” and say offenders “could be locked up in state prison for years.”

Both claims are untrue.

Read the initiative. Proposition 20 specifically targets HABITUAL thieves who REPEATEDLY steal. And it specifically FORBIDS convicted offenders from being sent to state prison. Instead, they’ll be directed to local jail or rehabilitation programs.

“By targeting only violent offenders and habitual criminals, Proposition 20 protects ALL Californians, including people of color, who suffer disproportionately from violent crime,” says Assemblyman Jim Cooper, an African American Democrat who is co-sponsoring Proposition 20.

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We all want to reform our justice system. But allowing violent offenders to leave prison early isn't reform. It's a threat to public safety.

Proposition 20 is REAL reform that protects victims and ensures equal justice.

Vote YES on Proposition 20.

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