NO ON PROP 20 – IT’S A PRISON SPENDING SCAM

We are prosecutors and survivors of violent crimes. Prop 20 backers are wrong, here’s the truth:

SENTENCING LAWS FOR VIOLENT CRIMES ARE CLEAR AND STRONG
People who commit violent crimes receive severe and lengthy sentences, often life in prison. That’s NOT what Prop 20 is about.

PROP 20 WASTES TENS OF MILLIONS OF YOUR TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON PRISONS
The non-partisan Legislative Analyst says Prop 20 will cost, “tens of millions of dollars” every year which could force draconian cuts to:

- Rehabilitation in prison for people getting out
- Mental health programs proven to reduce repeat crime
- Schools, housing, and homelessness
- Support for victims

PROP 20 IS EXTREME
Prop 20 means petty theft – stealing a bike – could be charged as a serious felony. That’s out of line with other states and means more teenagers and Black, Latino and low-income people could be incarcerated for years for a low-level, non-violent crime.

PROP 20 TAKES US BACKWARDS
Californians have overwhelmingly voted to reduce wasteful prison spending. Prop 20 reverses that progress. Rehabilitating people before prison release is the most effective way to improve public safety. Prop 20 could eliminate funding for what works, and waste money on more prisons we don’t need.

Law enforcement leaders, budget experts, criminal justice reformers, prosecutors, and crime victims all oppose this prison spending scam.

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