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## **Press Release**

### **Measure 73 Passes, Making Legislature's Job More Challenging**

The Kevin Mannix-sponsored Measure 73, which creates new mandatory minimums for repeat drunk drivers and sex offenders, passed with a 57% yes vote.

*"Although this is a disappointing outcome, the result is not unexpected," says David Rogers, Executive Director of Partnership for Safety and Justice – a leading opponent of Measure 73. "Actually, the measure got significantly less support than originally expected. Oregonians are beginning to realize that dumping money into prison construction and operation doesn't make us safer and challenges our ability to pay for schools and other critical services."*

*"But we knew this was likely to pass. The measure was seriously misleading and played on the politics of fear. Kevin Mannix was desperate for a political victory and packaged Measure 73 in ways that made it difficult for voters to understand the real consequences. Actually, when people took a deeper look at this measure, they unanimously arrived at a no position. Every single community newspaper across Oregon that took an editorial position, said loudly and clearly: Vote No on Measure 73," says Rogers.*

There were also a large number of organizations that opposed Measure 73, including a number of likely and unlikely suspects. Perhaps surprisingly, advocates who work against sexual assault opposed Measure 73, groups like the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) among others, challenged Measure 73 as bad policy. *"Kevin Mannix never consulted with the groups closest to the issue and his measure makes it harder to fund the critical, life saving services that victims and survivors need the most,"* says Terrie Quinteros, Director of the Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault.

A wide range of other organizations opposed Measure 73 from the Oregon Business Association, to the Oregon Education Association, Stand for Children, Oregon Alliance of Retired Americans, Human Services Coalition of Oregon, Juvenile Rights Project, and many more. Concerns ranged from the measure's unintended consequences that will negatively and inappropriately impact youth to the cost of the measure at a time when Oregon already faces a multi-billion dollar deficit.

*"The Oregon Legislature will enter 2011 looking at how to deal with an estimated \$3.5 billion dollar deficit. Frankly that is scary prospect for Oregonians who depend on critical life savings services that will be facing cuts and people who don't want to see their kids' schools dismantled. The legislature should take a serious look at ways to modify Measure 73 so it isn't so costly. Even Mannix's group acknowledged there are ways the legislature could improve this poorly written measure,"* say David Rogers.