

# PROPOSITION 128

# TRUTH IN SENTENCING:

## KEEPING VIOLENT CRIMINALS BEHIND BARS TO MAKE COLORADO SAFER



### THE PROBLEM

Colorado's criminal justice system is failing. Violent crime is at a 25-year high, rising 28 percent in the last decade.

One of the causes is that Colorado has the 4th highest rate of offenders committing new crimes when they are released from prison. Headlines are filled with stories of horrific crimes committed by offenders who should still be behind bars.

Colorado's recidivism rate is high because **violent criminals serve just 46 percent of their sentences** – released early to go on and prey on Colorado communities again.

### THE SOLUTION

A citizen initiative to appear on the 2024 ballot will:



Require violent offenders – including those convicted of murder, assault, sexual assault and other violent crimes – **to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences** before being eligible for parole.



Upon a third violent-crime conviction, offenders would be required to serve **their entire sentence** before being eligible for parole.

**Truth In Sentencing** will make Colorado communities safer by targeting the most dangerous criminals, including repeat offenders, who have proven to be the biggest threat to public safety across our state.



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### THE BALLOT LANGUAGE

“Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning parole eligibility for an offender convicted of certain crimes, and, in connection therewith, requiring an offender who is convicted of second degree murder; first degree assault; class 2 felony kidnapping; sexual assault; first degree arson; first degree burglary; or aggravated robbery committed on or after January 1, 2025, to serve eighty-five percent of the sentence imposed before being eligible for parole, and requiring an offender convicted of any such crime committed on or after January 1, 2025, who was previously convicted of any two crimes of violence, not just those crimes enumerated in this measure, to serve the full sentence imposed before beginning to serve parole?”