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Mr. William W. Wilkins, Jr.
Chairman
United States Sentencing Commission
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 1400
Washington, DC. 20004

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

Thank you for asking the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to comment on the proposed amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines with regard to the changes to the child pornography statute as passed in the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is concerned about the protection of this nation's children. We do not feel that we are in a position to comment directly on the guideline proposals since our mission is to work on issues concerning missing and exploited children, not post-conviction issues pertaining to adults. We do, however, want to make some general comments. We sincerely hope that the penalties imposed for conviction for use of children in pornographic and obscene depictions will convey a message to those who would involve children in such activities that we are very serious about protecting the safety and well-being of our children and that such harmful activities will not be tolerated, condoned or treated lightly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Judith Drazen Schretter".

Judith Drazen Schretter
General Counsel