

United States District Court

District of South Carolina

Charleston, S. C. 29402

Falcon B. Hawkins
Chief Judge

P. O. Box 835

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United States Sentencing Commission
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Attention: Guidelines Comment

Gentlemen:

Your Proposed Amendments to the Sentencing Guidelines were forwarded to me upon receipt by my Charleston office to Columbia, South Carolina, where I was presiding at a two-week criminal trial. Unfortunately, the proposal contained only odd-numbered pages; all even-numbered pages had been omitted from your correspondence to me. A call to your office proved fruitless; and, by the time I tracked down a complete copy of the proposed Amendments, it was March 5th before copies of the proposal were mailed to the judges in my district. The delay did not leave any of us sufficient time to fully analyze the changes suggested or the various options set out.

Thomas N. Whiteside, our Deputy Chief U. S. Probation Officer, has fully reviewed the Amendments and has forwarded his comments to Mr. Michael Courlander, your Communications Director. From a cursory review of the proposal it would appear to me that the various Amendments are warranted, and I place considerable faith in Mr. Whiteside's comments in this regard. If I receive any in depth written comments from my fellow judges within the next few days, I will forward them to you.

Sincerely,


Falcon B. Hawkins
Chief District Judge

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