



Families Against Mandatory Minimums

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Attn: Guideline Comment
U.S. Sentencing Commission
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 1400
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Sentencing Commission Members:

Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM) is a rapidly growing national organization working for the repeal of mandatory minimum sentences.

I am writing on behalf of FAMM's 4000 members, to support the Judicial Conference's recommendations for improving the sentencing guidelines. We strongly support the increased flexibility in sentencing of young, old, and first time offenders; alternatives to incarceration; and an increased adjustment for acceptance of responsibility. Each of these recommendations are improvements that will help maintain the American tradition of justice--that judges provide sentences that are designed to fit the crime and the culpability of the offender.

In addition, the members of FAMM applaud the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Report to Congress on Mandatory Minimum Sentences, released last August. The report did an excellent job of highlighting the inequities and many problems resulting from the use of mandatory minimum sentences. The Commission's report should be the first step in an ongoing effort to capitalize on the momentum in Congress to repeal mandatory sentences. FAMM now urges the Sentencing Commission to recommend to Congress that all mandatory minimum sentences be repealed.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums is available to help the Commission educate the Members of Congress and the public, to the gross injustice, high cost, and counterproductivity of mandatory minimum sentences.

Sincerely,

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