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William W. Wilkins, Jr.
Chairman
United States Sentencing Commission
1331 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
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Dear Chairman Wilkins:

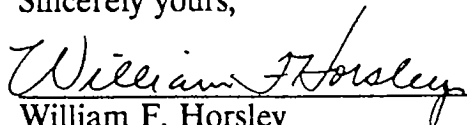
The North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, an Association representing more than 3600 trial lawyers in North Carolina, through its Criminal Law Section, has carefully studied the proposed amendments to the guidelines, policy statements, and commentaries to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines published in the January 2, 1992, Federal Register for the 1992 amendment cycle. The Section has also established a dialogue with your Practitioners Advisory Group and has studied the Group's responses to the amendments for this cycle.

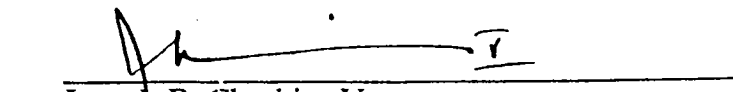
The North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers fully endorses the positions taken on each of the proposed amendments by the Practitioners Advisory Group. The Academy urges that the Commission adopt changes proposed in Amendments 1A, 2B, 16A, 16B, 17B, 18B, 33A, 33B, 33D, 34 and 35A. We also urge the adoption of Amendments 18A, 19 and 23, and support the options and modifications proposed by the Practitioners Advisory Group.

The Academy strongly urges that the Commission reject the changes proposed in Amendments 2A, 17A, 28B, and those pertaining to expungements in 25A.

The North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers thanks the Sentencing Commission for this opportunity to express its view on the proposed amendments and remains available for future consultation on these and any other matters.

Sincerely yours,


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