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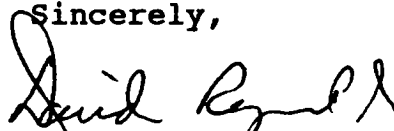
Re: Marijuana Amendment

Dear Mr. Courlander:

The current Federal Sentencing Guidelines assign 40 marijuana plants a weight of 4kg., but treat 50 marijuana plants as weighing 50kg., without regard to the actual weight or gender of any of the plants. If it did not send so many small-time growers to prison for such long terms, it would be as silly as calling ketchup a vegetable.

I support the Marijuana Amendment which treats all plants as weighing 100 grams, regardless of the number of plants. Normally I would not recommend retroactive treatment for changes in sentencing laws because of the difficulty in administration. However, the injustices perpetrated under the current guidelines must be corrected. Reform should be retroactive.

Sincerely,


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