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U.S. Sentencing Commission
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the current debate dealing with the disparity between crack and powder cocaine sentencing. Based on the evidence that was presented at the hearing held by your commission on Nov 9, 1993, I firmly agree with the many professional individuals who stated that the present sentencing practice is unfair and simply doesn't make sense. Most notable, I agree with the statement of Mr. Steven Belenko of the New York Criminal Justice Agency, who stated that the response to crack cocaine has not been based on empirical evidence, but is merely the result of law enforcement and media hysteria.

In closing, I would like to say that I do encourage and thus support any change that would totally eliminate this current sentencing disparity. I also believe that this change should be applied retroactive to provide relief to anyone who is currently sentenced based on this current disparity.

Thank you,
A concern citizen,

Eldara Williams