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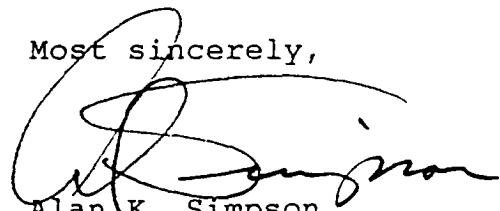
Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-322) includes three provisions that impact Part L of the Sentencing Guidelines relating to offenses involving Immigration, Naturalization, and Passports. Section 60024 provides enhanced penalties for alien smuggling; Section 130001 alters penalties concerning failing to depart or reentering; and Section 130009 increases the penalties for passport and visa offenses.

Each of these provisions addresses an important element of border security as well as other criminal activities so often associated with those who would violate our borders. Passport and visa violations, for example, not only permit illegal travel in and out of the United States, but facilitate a host of other crimes. Raising the offense levels for travel document offenses, along with providing penalty enhancements for those who supply or use passports or visas to further other criminal acts, is necessary to reflect the intent of Congress in enacting Section 130009. Appropriate guideline revisions are also necessary for Sections 60024 and 130001.

Although there are a large number of issues before the Commission this year, I am hopeful that amendments in the guidelines will be promulgated to ensure that these three sections of P.L. 103-322 are effectively implemented. I strongly urge the Commission to take such action.

Most sincerely,



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