

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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CHAMBERS OF
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JUDGE

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Re: Proposed Amendment to USSG § 2L1.2

Dear Friends:

As a trial judge with a border docket, I strongly support the proposed amendment to USSG § 2L1.2. I believe that the amendment will achieve a more proportionate punishment than the present guideline provision in connection with unlawful re-entry cases involving a prior aggravated felony conviction. I also believe that aggravated felonies committed beyond a certain number of years prior to the instant offense should not count.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Very truly yours,


Royal Furgeson

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cc: Hon. Joe Kendall, U. S. District Judge, Northern District of Texas (via facsimile)

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