



Chambers of
William J. Rea
United States District Judge

United States District Court
Central District of California
United States Courthouse
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Mr. Timothy B. McGrath
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Dear Mr. McGrath:

This letter is in response to your letter, dated March 13, 2001, inviting comments relative to the proposed amendment reviewing guidelines for unlawfully entering or remaining in the United States, USSG §2L1.2.

This is to advise you that I am in favor of the proposed amendment, inasmuch as I believe that the level of commitment is too high. I endorse the language to increase the offense level by 4 if the conviction was for any felony other than an aggravated felony, or for three or more misdemeanors that are crimes of violence or controlled substance offenses.

I believe that if a defendant has already served his/her time for other offenses, such defendant should not be faced with a greater period of imprisonment.

Very truly yours,


WILLIAM J. REA
United States District Judge

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