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The Honorable Ricardo H. Hinojosa
Chairman
U.S. Sentencing Commission
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Washington, DC 20002-8002

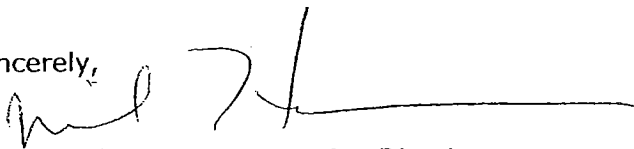
Dear Chairman Hinojosa:

Students for a Responsible Life has for some time been disaffected by the Justice Department's tactics of backing potential white-collar, executive criminal defendants into a corner such that they would have to choose between their constitutional rights, or a "package" guilty plea crafted by, in our opinion, overzealous prosecutors.

We unequivocally support the rescindment of any prior U.S. Sentencing Commission Justice Department rule allowing leniency to companies and executives ***who waive special legal privileges*** in plea deals proffered by prosecutorial staff (we understand this is now in the Federal Register seeking Public comment). We believe this practice has led (predictably in our opinion) to results harmful to America's economic and business interests, and harmful to corporate entities, their employees, and their stockholders, without any demonstrable societal benefit.

No responsible person can be "for" white collar crime. But America's strength and power come from its incredibly successful economic machine. We believe that the proper way to ferret out business criminal activity is by reverting to the tried and true methods that have served us well over the years, viz., the SEC, the various banking, insurance and stock boards of exchanges, the FBI, and to some degree, law enforcement. One need only look back on the tragedy of the senseless loss of Arthur Andersen & Company to realize how much damage has already been done.

Sincerely,



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