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Chief Judge Patti B. Saris, Chair  
United States Sentencing Commission  
One Columbus Circle, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Madam Chairman,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to urge the Commission to amend the sentencing guidelines to increase penalties for drug offenders who candy or flavor an illegal drug for the purpose of enticing minors to purchase that drug product.

Because these criminals decidedly market illegal substances to minors, there needs to be a higher penalty for those who manufacture or distribute these candied or flavored drugs. Current law only adds a penalty to those who distribute the controlled substance. However, by targeting minors with candy flavors and deceptive packaging, leading them into believing the drug is not actually a drug, those who manufacture the controlled substances in this way must also be held accountable.

Law enforcement works tirelessly every day to make our communities safer by reducing drug activity. The criminals who are intentionally targeting our youth with flavors and deceptive packaging on illegal substances need to be appropriately penalized.

On behalf of the over 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I urge you to provide appropriate penalties for criminals who target our youth. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Legislative Office.

Sincerely,



Chuck Canterbury  
National President

cc: Members, U.S. Sentencing Commission