



CHARTER

SENTENCE IMPACT ADVISORY GROUP

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.

- (a) The Sentence Impact Advisory Group (the “SIAG”) is established by the United States Sentencing Commission (the “Commission”) as a standing advisory group to the Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 995 and Rule 5.4 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.
- (b) The purpose of the SIAG is—
 - (1) to assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory responsibilities under 28 U.S.C. § 994(o);
 - (2) to provide to the Commission its views on the Commission’s activities and work, including proposed priorities and amendments, as they relate to sentenced individuals;
 - (3) to disseminate information regarding federal sentencing issues to other sentenced individuals, families of sentenced individuals, and advocacy groups, as appropriate;
 - (4) to provide to the Commission its views on how the Commission may better incorporate into its work the perspectives of individuals affected by federal sentences;
 - (5) to assist the Commission in determining how it can best fulfill its duty under 28 U.S.C. § 994(s) to “give due consideration to any petition filed by a defendant requesting modification of the guidelines utilized in the sentencing of such defendant, on the basis of changed circumstances unrelated to the defendant”; and
 - (6) to perform any other related functions as the Commission requests.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP.

- (a) The SIAG shall consist of not more than 9 members. A member of the SIAG must be (1) an individual sentenced for a federal offense, or (2) a family member of an individual sentenced for a federal offense.

All members of the SIAG shall be appointed by the Commission.
- (b) For appointment of the initial members of the SIAG and thereafter as vacancies arise, the Commission intends to openly solicit applications for membership from sentenced individuals and their families. The Commission intends that the SIAG

membership shall be appointed in a manner that ensures diverse representation in background, demographics, types of offenses that led to sentencing, types of sentences imposed, geographic location, and other unique characteristics. The Commission also intends that the SIAG membership should aim to reflect the many perspectives within the federally sentenced population, including perspectives informed by differences in terms of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, and tribal membership.

- (c) All members of the SIAG shall be appointed for a term of three years, except that the terms of the initial membership appointed after the adoption of this Charter shall be staggered so that 3 members serve a term of three years, 3 members serve a term of two years, and 3 members serve a term of one year. The Commission may vote to extend the term of any member as the Commission considers appropriate.
- (d) An individual who serves two consecutive terms as a member of the SIAG is not eligible to serve as a member during the following year.
- (e) When a membership becomes vacant before the expiration of the term, an appointment shall, wherever practicable, be made to serve during the remainder of the term.

SECTION 3. CHAIR.

- (a) The Chair of the SIAG shall be selected by the Commission from among its membership and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission.
- (b) The Chair of the SIAG shall—
 - (1) preside at meetings of the SIAG and collaborate with Commission staff in the development of meeting agendas;
 - (2) serve as the liaison to the Commission and communicate with members of the SIAG when necessary;
 - (3) after consultation with the membership of the SIAG, coordinate the development and presentation of SIAG positions to the Commission; and
 - (4) form committees as needed.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS AND VOTING.

- (a) The SIAG shall meet not less than once a year while there is a quorum of commissioners serving on the Commission. Meetings of the SIAG may be held at the offices of the Commission in Washington, D.C. or may be held at another location in conjunction with a Commission meeting, program, or other event. In-person

meetings must be approved by the Commission in advance and shall be funded at the Commission's expense.

- (b) Members of the SIAG may participate in meetings from remote location by electronic means, such as telephone, satellite, and video conference devices.
- (c) Action by the SIAG requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the members at a meeting at which at least a quorum is participating. A quorum consists of a majority of the membership then serving.

SECTION 5. SUSPENSION OR AMENDMENT OF CHARTER PROVISIONS.

The Commission may suspend or amend any provision of this Charter as the Commission considers appropriate.