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Federal Bureau of Prisons

Office of the Director

Washington, D.C. 20534

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The Honorable Patti B. Saris, Chair
United States Sentencing Commission
One Columbus Circle, NE, Suite 2-500
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chief Judge Saris:

The Bureau of Prisons is committed to assisting offenders prepare to return to their communities as productive, law-abiding citizens. We do this by providing evidence-based reentry programs to help reduce recidivism. We also use Residential Reentry Centers and home confinement to assist in the transition to the community. By delaying the effective date of Amendment 782, the Sentencing Commission provided the Bureau with much needed lead time to work closely with releasing offenders to complete programming such as drug treatment and education, seek housing and employment, and strengthen their family and community ties. The additional time helped support our reentry efforts and public safety mission.

I thank you and the other Commissioners for your consideration of the Bureau of Prisons and our partners in the federal criminal justice system as you planned for the implementation of this important guideline change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles E. Samuels, Jr." in a cursive style.

Charles E. Samuels, Jr.
Director