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U.S. Sentencing Commission  
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Re: Proposed Amendment

Dear Commission:

This letter is in support of the Commission's proposal to reduce all drug guidelines by two levels for 2014.

I do support this Amendment that all drug levels be reduced by two since this will ease the overcrowding in the federal prisons and also provide some much needed relief from these harsh drug laws that have been repealed but are still affecting those that have already been affected by the old mandatory minimum drug laws.

I do not support any limitations placed upon these possible Amendments or any "restrictions" that will cause more disparities in sentences for those with crack cocaine.

In particular this Commission imposed limitations on offenders that were convicted of crack cocaine in U.S.S.G. § 1B1.10(b)(2) (2011). This limitation affected those like myself that received an "below guideline sentence" pursuant to Blakely/Booker however, I did not provide substantial assistance to law enforcement.

Although I have crack cocaine and my guideline range has changed, this limitation prohibited the Court from granting me any relief from a twenty-five (25) year federal sentence.

These limitations cause confusion among the Courts and discriminates against those that should benefit from the amendments, especially for those that have crack cocaine. Therefore, I oppose any restrictions for those offenders with crack cocaine.

I do support that these proposed amendments be made retroactive. I also suggest that the "Post Sentencing Conduct" be expanded to allow offenders to seek a sentence reduction pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582 based on an offenders rehabilitation regardless of any new amendments. This will encourage and give hope to offenders that may not benefit from changes in the guidelines.

Thank you for proposing this change...

Sincerely,

*Dexter Anderson*