



March 18, 2015

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

Dear Chairwoman Saris,

On behalf of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), representing elected and appointed prosecutors across the country, I write to encourage the United States Sentencing Commission to consider amending the current sentencing guidelines to enhance penalties for those criminals who intentionally flavor drugs in such a way to entice the purchasing of these drugs by minors.

Unfortunately, today's criminals continue to find ways to increase their profits and harm communities across the country in this process. Law enforcement officials have seen more and more instances where illegal drugs are marketed in a way that makes the drug seem less potent, or safe for consumption. Candies being marketed on the streets are often laced with tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which causes serious health problems to the consumer.

Until a proper disincentive is in place for these drug dealers to not market to minors, we will see this trend continue and threaten public safety and our youth, who are the future of our country. Because we believe that disincentive is not in place currently, it is important that the Sentencing Commission look at ways to enhance penalties specifically for those manufacturing and distributing these flavored candies through marketing to minors.

Our members appreciate your consideration of potential enhancements to the penalties for these criminals and look forward to working with you and others across this country to protect our youth and keep our communities safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Moore".

Mike Moore
President
National District Attorneys Association