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Att: Public Affairs

Re: Proposed Amendment to Section 4B1.2 of the Sentencing Guidelines,  
“Crime of Violence” Definition

Dear Friends:

I am responding to the request for public comment regarding the proposed amendment to section 4B1.2 of the guidelines.

It is my personal belief, from serving as a pastor for over 50 years and dealing with many families, that possession of child pornography should be excluded from the definition of a forcible sex offense. It is a terrible act and damaging to our society, but it is not an act of violence. Possession, receipt, transportation or distribution of child pornography does not meet the criteria of a sexual act or having sexual contact.

Of course we want to protect our children but we should not take this passion to a level where we erroneously apply a definition that does not fit the crime and use it to call for a lifetime sentence.

Please enter this letter as a public comment in support of amending Section 4B1.2(a)(2) of the sentencing guidelines.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

