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I am writing a reply comment for the proposed amendment to the sentencing guidelines. My comment for reply is concerning part A of the proposed amendment that would amend the Drug Equivalency Tables in 2d1.1 (unlawful manufacturing, importing, Exporting, of Trafficking (including poss with intent to commit the offense): Attempt of CONspiracy) to adopt a class based approach to account for synthetic cathinones..

There needs to be PROPER guidelines to the synthetic drugs, not guidelines that almost get it right or is substantially similar to the closest related drug. First off, these drugs are man made so no "batch of drugs" is the same. Yes the molecule structure is suppose to be the same but that does not mean it has the same affect on the central nervous system. As a user of synthetic drugs and regular drugs i personally know they are no where near the same on the central nervous system and in my opinion should not be handled the same just b/c they are suppose to be. I abused ethylone the entire year of 2014. Ethylone is suppose to be substantially similar to MDMA. MDMA has a 1:500 ratio. Well i abused MDMA also and i can tell u that the actual MDMA is ALOT more potent and the "high" lasted ALOT longer than that of ethylone. So why does ethylone get the exact same ratio as MDMA; because its suppose to be substantially similar? Well as a user, I say the affects were totally different.

Then there is dibutylone which is a positional isomer of pentylone. This also carries a 1:500 ratio. Why i ask? There only has to be a TRACE of pentylone in dibutylone to make it illegal. That alone tells u the difference it has with MDEA, the drug it is suppose to be substantially similar. I used dibutylone many of times and it was WEAKER than ethylone with my experience. Dibutylone is closest to MDEA in molecule structure but i can tell u it is no where near as potent as MDEA.

I have personal experience using two different synthetic drugs that were substantially similar to real drugs: ethylone (MDMA) and dibutylone (MDEA). I can tell u as a user that the potency in these synthetic drugs were lower and the "high" did not last nearly as long as the "real drugs". Did i get "high", yes..Was my "high" substantially similar to MDEA and MDMA, no it wasnt. Those "highs" were like combining marijuana and a beer, not even liquor. Even A-PVP has a lower ratio than ethylone and dibutylone and that stuff makes people go crazy, literally. A-pvp has had people break into jail, eat off another humans face, and committ murder but it has a ratio of 1:380 b/c of the molecule structure it is substantially similar to. That is not right at all.

As a user and incarcerated inmate for synthetic drugs i respectfully comment buy saying do not rush this process. Research and make the right decision. Do not punish people for drugs that are suppose to be substantially similar to other drugs punish them for the drugs they are caught with and what those drugs are. More testing is needed for more answers. I am a non-violent offender locked up for 235 months for conspiring to distribute a controll substance substancially similar to MDMA and MDEA. When i abused those drugs personally the difference between the synthetic drugs and the real drugs were like night and day but the punishment i recieved was the same i would recieve for the real drugs. My wife, Venteria Reason, has never had a speeding ticket and she recieved 135 months for the same charges and sythetic drugs as myself which i believe is not right at all.

So I beg you, voting commission, to take your time, research, and punish people for the drugs they are selling, not for substances that are close in molecule structure to those drugs that they are suppose to be selling. If you do that its only right to give them a completely different ratio. There is alot at stake here so please make the right decison.

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