I am a retired Law Enforcement Officer, and I still think that the courts are the ones that should set the time a convicted felon spends in prison. The court knows the facts of each case. Also the Sex Offender Registry should be moved from a civil issue to a criminal issue. Sex offenders should be on the Registry based on testing and recommendations from the police. It is punishment and should be treated as such. Those in office like to think of it as a civil issue, if that is the case how can we justify jail time for not following the laws of the Registry in any given state. Also if we want to cut down on sexual assault, why is this one of the few crimes that if a person is convicted of it they get very little help at the time of release including not being able to stay in public housing.