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Subject: Proposed Priority #12 Amendments based on successful participation in court-sponsored diversion and alternatives-to-incarceration programs
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Dear Judge Reeves:

We oversee the Pretrial Opportunity Program (POP) and the Special Options Services (SOS) Program in the Eastern District of New York, and write to express our enthusiastic support for the following policy priority: considering amending the Guidelines Manual to include successful participation for court-sponsored diversion programs like SOS and POP as a ground for downward departure. We urge the Commission to implement this amendment now, rather than after a multi-year study. In addition, we suggest that the Commission include a page on its website that describes these valuable programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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