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To: Sentencing Commission
Inmate Work Assignment: I ORDERLY

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Inmate Message Below

To whom it may concern:

In regards to FSA, most if not all inmates served time pre-trial incarceration. Not all programmed or worked during that time of incarceration. Although federally detained, the ambiguity in the way the FSA is written it actually allows for one to believe that if the inmate is able to show that it was programming and working as was I, for 13 months. I have certificates and I was an orderly, that we should be entitled to FSA credits for (pre-trial incarceration).

Although many of these classes are offered by the BOP for FSA, very little to none are offered at this location. Due to the quality of teaching by various CO's would you consider offering the FSA classes on the tablets, so that the inmates could be more proactive with their time?

I wasn't given the safety valve which I'm currently filing a 2255, it would be beneficial to be able to have the sentencing commission independently review why an inmate did not receive the safety valve, for a victimless crime, no weapons, non violent, first time offender. The hurdles some AUSA's create in achieving the 5 spokes to the Safety Valve is beyond comprehension (which I far surpassed the 5 spokes). Would you all consider having an independent review board so that one doesn't need to go through the whole appeal process?

Lastly, President Biden said that he is rescheduling or looking into decriminalizing marijuana, will you all lay out the facts on if in fact this will be retroactive?

Thank you for offering this ability to communicate directly with you all.

From: [Kim DS - MBA](#)
To: [Public Affairs](#)
Subject: [External] Sentencing guidelines
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My name is Kimberly Sims, I am the mother of an incarcerated human in Austin, Texas. I am contacting you in regards to the sentencing guidelines for drugs in the United States of America.

Non-violent drug convictions and the sentencing guidelines haven't been updated or changed in nearly 50 years. The criminal justice system definitely needs an overhaul!

In Texas the possession of 1 to 3.99 grams of meth, is a third degree felony with a \$10,000 fine and 2 to 10 years in prison. For possessing 4 to 199 grams of meth, the crime is a second-degree felony with a \$10,000 fine and 2 to 20 years in prison. This is ridiculous when doing drugs is a choice!!! Drugs were around before my son was born and will continue to be around. As of to this day, in Harris County Texas, Fentanyl Deaths increase 341% since 2019. This is horrible to say the least. This also means that you haven't even scratched the surface on the real issues that are faced in our county, country or our state with our children. My heart aches every time I watch the news!!!

There are more than 407 capital murder charges filed in Harris County between September 2016 and September 2021. During those five years, records show **113 or 28%**, bonded out of jail. Of those out on the street, 30 or 27% got arrested for another crime. No matter how you slice the pie, State vs Federal, there is no difference and all fall under an unjust and unfair criminal justice system.

My question to the reader is how do you plan to resolve the much needed sentencing guidelines for non-violent drug convictions? When will we stop mass incarceration? The bottom line is the public is ready for significant changes to the criminal justice system. The public clearly believes that though punishment is not productive. Let's face it, if we focus more on reducing crime and recidivism through rehabilitation and treatment it's proven to be more effective.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kimberly Sims