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HON. MICHAEL J. MCSHANE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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United States Sentencing Commission
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Dear Judge Reeves,

We understand that the recently formed Leadership Council for the Advancement of Pretrial Services (comprised of the 15 separate federal Pretrial Services offices) is proposing an amendment to the Sentencing Guidelines that would add a new subsection to §3E1.1. This amendment would allow for a one-level decrease to a defendant's offense level calculation if the defendant achieves successful compliance with the conditions of their supervision beyond the minimal requirements. The proposal includes a recommendation that magistrate judges consider informing defendants of the advantages of complying with release conditions and cooperating with pretrial services. The intent is to better position defendants for success on pretrial release, which research has shown correlates with reduced recidivism.

We are writing in support of this amendment. Pretrial Services does a remarkable job in engaging with defendants to achieve stability and success in the community. This success makes our communities safer and ultimately uplifts the lives of those willing to make profound changes in their thinking and in their behaviors. As you know, many of the folks who appear before us have to overcome remarkable barriers to find and maintain treatment, housing, employment, and pro-social support. It is our belief that the Sentencing Guidelines should take into consideration these achievements made by defendants while on pretrial supervision.

Thank you for your consideration.

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