



United States Sentencing Commission's Public Comment Submission Portal

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Who Can Comment?

Anyone! The public comment period is open to the public. We often receive submissions from judges, incarcerated individuals, law enforcement personnel, defense attorneys, prosecutors, members of congress, advocacy groups, and other interested citizens. All are welcome to submit comment.

Why is Comment Important to the Commission?

Public comment submissions are vital to the amendment process. The Commission reads all submissions from the public to gauge interest in particular topics and uses that information to select which policy areas are prioritized and shape how the federal sentencing guidelines are amended.

When Can I Comment?

The Commission holds several formal public comment periods throughout the amendment year. Comment periods are open from June through August as Commissioners select their policy priorities, and again, from January through March when Commissioners propose amendments to the guidelines—though this may vary year to year. Check the Commission's website to stay up to date with the latest information.

What Should I Include in My Comment?

The public is encouraged to provide comment on any of the specific policy areas or proposals listed by the Commission in its Federal Register Notice.

What's Eventually Posted Online?

The Commission reviews and catalogs all public comment submissions for future reference and official recordkeeping purposes. Due to limited Commission staff and resources available to prepare and redact submissions, a representative sampling of public comment is carefully selected and then posted online to provide the public with the kind of information considered by the Commissioners during their deliberations.

What Should NOT be Included in My Comment?

Selected public comment is made publicly available online. Please refrain from including any personal information such as your home address, home phone number, personal email address, prisoner identification number, etc.

Submit public comment at comment.ussc.gov.

Additional questions? Reach us at pubaffairs@ussc.gov or 202-502-4500.



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Select the Notice

Select the **Federal Register Notice** for which you are submitting comment. At times, the Commission may publish more than one Notice seeking public comment. A Notice is pre-selected if there is only one open comment period.

If you are unsure which Notice to select, view the document in the preview window.



Proposed 2022-2023 Amendments

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Select Commenter Type

Select **"Individual"** if you are submitting comment on behalf of yourself (or another individual).

Select **"Organization"** if you are submitting comment as a member of Congress or on behalf of an agency, company, or organization.

AN INDIVIDUAL

AN ORGANIZATION

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Provide Commenter Details

Help us properly attribute your comment with additional details.

If you are submitting a letter authored by more than one individual or organization, check the "Joint Letter" box.

COMMENTS INFORMATION

Individual's Position(Select one): *

Joint Letter

Submitter Last Name *

Submitter First Name *

Submitter Email *

Submitter State

Submitter City

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Provide Comment

Tell us which **topics** are addressed in your comment. Then provide your comment. Comment is accepted in **.PDF or text format**. Drag and drop your .PDF attachment or submit your comment in the text field.

COMMENT

Please select the topics addressed *

- Compassionate Release
 Safety Valve

Upload an Attachment or Enter Comments

- Upload an Attachment
 Enter Comments

Please attach comment: (only PDF accepted) *

Drag and Drop

Select a file or drop one here.



If you have multiple files to submit as comment, please combine and save them as one .PDF file.

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Submit Comment

Select the **"Submit Attachment"** button when you are satisfied with your comment. Look for **submission confirmation** in the top-right corner of your screen (or for instructions on fields that need **further attention**).



The comments were successfully submitted.

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