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Hon. Carlton W. Reeves, Chair  
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Dear Judge Reeves,

On behalf of the Tribal Issues Advisory Group, we submit the following views, comments, and suggestions in response to the Proposed Amendments to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, Policy Statements, and Official Commentary approved by the U.S. Sentencing Commission on January 30, 2026, and published in the Federal Register on February 6, 2026. See 91 Fed. Reg. 5556 (February 6, 2026); see also 28 U.S.C. § 994(o).

**Proposed Amendment No. 1—Sentencing Options**

The Commission seeks comment on a proposed amendment setting forth two parts to address how the guidelines can provide courts with additional guidance on selecting the appropriate sentencing options. The two parts include (A) Changes to Part A of Chapter Five and (B) Expansion of Zones B and C of the Sentencing Table.

TIAG supports the proposed guideline at §5A1.1 to provide an overview of the steps necessary for a sentencing court to determine an appropriate sentence, including encouraging probationary sentences as punishment. TIAG further supports the proposed amendment to expand Zone B and C of the Sentencing Table. The expansion is a move in the right direction to encourage probationary sentences.