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Federal Prison Chapter

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Through Federal Criminal Justice Reform*

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Attention: Public Affairs-Retroactivity Public Comment

Gentlemen:

FedCURE believes it would be a grave mistake to enact remedial regulations for crack cocaine offenses and not make them retroactive. Many inmates are serving incredibly long sentences under the present U. S. Sentencing Commission rules. Resentment causing racial tensions because of different sentencing treatment for crack and powder cocaine offenses has been unusually high for some time. Those inmates presently incarcerated would naturally feel a tremendous bitterness towards those newly admitted inmates with significantly less time to do for the same offense. We feel that there is an enormous danger to such an approach.

Aside from the patent unfairness of a non-retroactive tactic, it would seem that the new guidelines should have been substantively in place a long time ago and thus are not procedural new rules.

We implore the Commission to present an impartial amendment to Congress to make any change in time to do by making new crack guidelines effective for all inmates past, present and future.

Sincerely,

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