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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the United States Sentencing Commission, I welcome you to the Symposium on Alternatives to Incarceration. A distinguished faculty of judges, academics, and experienced practitioners will address you and dialog with you during the next two days. As experts from both the criminal justice and academic communities, they will engage you in their discussion of imprisonment rates in the United States and alternatives to incarceration.

In order to continue and deepen this discussion, extensive seminar materials are available to you on this CD. Although the Commission has exercised reasonable care to assure the accuracy and reliability of these materials, it does not make any such representation or warranty. Readers should check primary sources where appropriate and use traditional legal and scientific research techniques to make sure that information in these materials has not been affected or changed by recent developments.

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The Commission appreciates your interest in this event and hopes that you enjoy the symposium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith Sheon". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Judith Sheon
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