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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by excessive sentences. Attorney General Sessions has worked as a senator to increase drug sentences and he is currently reviewing policy changes in the Justice Department in this direction also. Long minimum sentences were introduced for drug offenses both federally and in many states in the late eighties and early nineties. These have since been seen to have failed to decrease crime, while incarcerating significant percentages of minorities, tearing apart families and leading to a cycle of reduced economic opportunities and ultimately more crime. It has also shifted much of the police and court resources to dealing with low priority cases rather than keeping our communities safer.

Please assure me that you will quash this misguided sentencing approach.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our egalitarian society.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson