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Dear Ms Lee:

I am very concerned by excessive sentences. The overreaction to crime in the late 80's continues to haunt us in the form of disproportionate sentencing guidelines and excessive incarceration rates. The effects on our society have been terrible particularly for minorities with lives destroyed, families torn apart and job prospects eliminated. This effect is even visible in the bimodal income growth for blacks here over the past 40 years. The current Attorney General is trying to increase sentences. This makes the need for congressional action to blunt these effects clear. The past two legislative sessions have seen bipartisan interest in reform and some on the Senate judiciary committee are discussing another bill.

*Please assure me that you will work to get sentence reform moving in the House.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson