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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about sentencing disparities. Thirty years ago sentencing had become excessive with huge disparities for similar crimes and between races resulting in one of the worlds highest incarceration rates. This legacy continues to hurt our society as the study released last week of income instability for black boys makes clear. The Sentencing Commission has been helpful in slowly rolling back these disparities and Sen Grassley's recent bipartisan bill would also help. Unfortunately, these are under attack by General Sessions and yourself with Sessions issuing a memo urging maximum prosecution and a letter opposing Grassley's bill and your nomination of Judge Hudson and particularly Prof Otis (who has advocated its abolition) to the Commission.

Please assure me that you will continue sentencing reform.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson