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Pursuant to Section 6 of the Advisory Commission on Sentencing Establishment Act of 1998, as amended by the Sentencing Reform Amendment Act of 2000 (D.C. Code § 3-105), I am pleased to submit the 2003 Annual Report of the Advisory Commission on Sentencing, which includes the Commission's recommendation for a comprehensive structured sentencing system for use in the local courts of the District of Columbia. I am also pleased to report that the Commission's vote on the Report and its recommendations was unanimous, which is remarkable given the diversity of views represented on the Commission. I and other members of the Commission look forward to working with the Council on implementation issues and on further refinements of the guidelines in the months ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

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