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Dear Ms. Cropp:

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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