

**UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION**

**Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts**

**AGENCY:** United States Sentencing Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests public comment pertaining to an amendment submitted to the Congress on May 1, 2006, that creates a policy statement governing a reduction in term of imprisonment as a result of a motion by the Director of the Bureau of Prisons (published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register).

**DATE:** Written public comment regarding the issue for comment set forth in this notice should be received by the Commission not later than July 14, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Courlander, Public Affairs Officer, 202-502-4590. The amendment to which this issue for comment pertains may be accessed through the Commission's website at [www.ussc.gov](http://www.ussc.gov) (see Amendment 1 of the document entitled

"Amendments to the Sentencing Guidelines, Policy Statements, and Official Commentary (May 1, 2006)").

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 1, 2006, the Commission submitted to the Congress an amendment to the federal sentencing guidelines that created a new policy statement at §1B1.13 (Reduction in Term of Imprisonment as a Result of Motion by Director of Bureau of Prisons). This policy statement is a first step toward fulfilling the congressional directive at 28 U.S.C. § 994(t). In the 2006-2007 amendment cycle, the Commission will consider developing further criteria and a list of specific examples of extraordinary and compelling reasons for sentence reduction pursuant to such statute. The Commission requests comment and specific suggestions for appropriate criteria and examples, as well as guidance regarding the extent of any such reduction and modifications to a term of supervised release.

**AUTHORITY:** 28 U.S.C. § 994(a), (o), and (p); USSC Rule of Practice and Procedure 4.4.

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Chair