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RE: United States Sentencing Commission Public Hearing
February 15-16, 2005

Dear Professor Berman:

Following the Supreme Court's decision in U.S. v. Booker, 2005 WL 50108 (Jan. 12, 2005), the Commission is conducting hearings to assess the present and potential future impact of the ruling on federal sentencing. We would very much be interested in your views and invite you to testify at the hearing on February 15th at 2:00p.m.

Attached is a list of questions that you may wish to consider when preparing your testimony. You are not limited to these questions, but rather, they are intended to focus the discussion on topics raised during our deliberations or by commentators following the Court's decision.

The hearing will be at the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building in Washington, D.C. Written testimony and a brief biography are requested to be submitted to the Office of Public Affairs on or before Friday, February 11, 2005. Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Courlander, Office of Public Affairs, at (202) 502-4597.

Sincerely,

Timothy B. McGrath
Staff Director

Enclosures
cc: United States Sentencing Commissioners