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U.S. Sentencing Commission
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Dear U.S. Sentencing Commission,

The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) is the oldest and largest national organization representing state and local prosecutors in the nation. The NDAA is a non-partisan, non-profit membership association that provides training, technical assistance, and resources to prosecutors to aid in their pursuit of justice. With over six-thousand members, NDAA's mission is to be the voice of America's prosecutors and to support their efforts to protect the rights of individuals and the safety of communities. This year marks NDAA's 75th anniversary of being the prominent organization on prosecutor topics and criminal justice policy.

As advocates of sound criminal justice reform and supporters of the Safer Supervision Act, the NDAA applauds the U.S. Sentencing Commission's leadership in announcing its supervised release proposal amendment. We recommend that the Commission follows through with the supervised release amendment language and adopt it into the sentencing guidelines.

The proposed supervised release language strikes a meaningful balance in our justice system by emphasizing individualized assessments at the sentencing stage, leading to a more tailored and just application of supervised release. The Commission mentions that it has received feedback from commenters that the guidelines should provide courts with greater discretion when making decisions of including supervised release based on an individualized assessment of the defendant. The NDAA agrees with this sentiment and is voicing its support once more. Additionally, the increased support for federal probation officers enables them to manage their caseloads more effectively and focus on the high-risk individuals who need close supervision. Allowing courts greater discretion in regard to implementing supervision ensures the justice system is best serving all parties involved. The Commission's supervised release language represents a thoughtful update of our criminal justice system, balancing fairness, rehabilitation, and our unwavering commitment to public safety.

Prosecutors are in the accountability profession, and the NDAA strives to strike the right balance among enforcement and accountability whenever it comes to policy that affects the criminal justice system. Thank you for your support in this vision through the hard work of your staff and the proposal to update the Commission's guidelines pertaining to supervised release protocol. We appreciate the U.S. Sentencing Commission's initiative on this issue and look forward to its implementation as we continue to work with Congressional Members to make these supervised release updates in U.S. Code.