

Dear Members of the Sentencing Commission -

I strongly agree with the proposed one day reduction in maximum sentences from 365 days to 364 days.

"A one day reduction in maximum sentences would help address the disconnect between the state's misdemeanor offenses and the **stark and asymmetrical** immigration consequences that can result."

Each of the 50 states has their own penal code for behavior that is within the jurisdiction of the state, for acts that do not cross state lines.

Therefore Connecticut is entirely free to decide whether or not we citizens want to inadvertently throw migrants under the bus of harsh and punitive Federal immigration law if they commit a low level offense or are wrongly convicted of committing a low level offense that triggers the 365 day period cited in the federal immigration statutes.

Deportation is a draconian measure that tears apart families and wrecks lives. I ask that Connecticut not collude with ICE in the current hysteria against migrants by passing this proposed small change in the criminal code.

Respectfully Submitted

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