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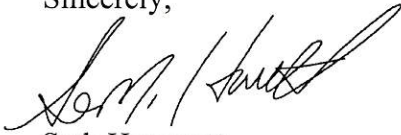
The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

While serving as Alabama's Attorney General, Judge Bill Pryor approached me with his vision to establish a permanent sentencing commission as a separate agency under Alabama's Supreme Court. In my role as Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, I worked with Judge Pryor to bring his vision to reality. I consider the legislation creating the Alabama Sentencing Commission to be one of the hallmarks of my tenure as Speaker, but Judge Pryor deserves the lion's share of credit for his deliberate research and passionate advocacy. His legacy is a well-respected and valuable asset to our state's judicial and criminal justice system.

It is my honor to offer this letter in support of Judge Pryor's nomination to serve on the U.S. Sentencing Commission. He is exceptionally qualified to serve and will do so with distinction and honor.

Sincerely,



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