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## Law Enforcement: Time to Pass Sentencing Reform & Corrections Act Bill Necessary to Reduce Crime and Incarceration

**WASHINGTON, DC** – With the bipartisan Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act expected to be discussed at today's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, <u>Law Enforcement Leaders</u> issued the following statement.

"It's time for Congress to act swiftly and pass the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act. The law enforcement community <u>stands behind</u> this legislation, as key provisions of the bill would aid us in fighting crime more effectively. Our current federal criminal justice policies often get in the way of smart policing and prosecution. Responsibly reducing incarceration will free funding and time for our officers to focus instead on targeting and preventing violent crime, making our streets safer," <u>said Ronal Serpas</u>, <u>Chairman of Law Enforcement Leaders and former Superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department.</u> "Our decades of experience in law enforcement have proven to us that we can reduce crime and punish offenders appropriately and effectively without relying on excessive and arbitrary laws. We believe that reforming mandatory minimums and providing comprehensive programming in prison will not only help reduce crime, but also reduce our prison population costs."

Law Enforcement Leaders has urged the President and Attorney General to support this legislation, in a <u>report</u> and <u>letter</u> signed by over 70 members.

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