

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate regarding the urgent need to enact criminal justice reform legislation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. _____

(title) _____

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by _____ to the amendment (No. _____) proposed by _____

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

4 (1) Statistics demonstrate that minority com-
5 munities in the United States are policed differently
6 than white communities.

7 (2) Studies have shown that African Americans
8 and whites use drugs at similar rates and whites are
9 actually more likely to sell drugs than African Amer-
10 icans.

1 (3) African Americans are 3.6 times more likely
2 to be arrested for selling drugs and 2.5 times more
3 likely to be arrested for possessing drugs.

4 (4) Mandatory minimums have a disproportio-
5 nate impact on minorities.

6 (5) The United States Sentencing Commission
7 has reported that approximately 70 percent of man-
8 datory minimums are imposed on African American
9 and Latino people.

10 (6) Law enforcement officers killed 1,147 peo-
11 ple in 2017 and African Americans comprised of 25
12 percent of those killings, despite being only 13 per-
13 cent of the population.

14 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
15 Senate that—

16 (1) there is an urgent need to pass bipartisan
17 comprehensive criminal justice reform legislation and
18 end the failed War on Drugs, which has a disparate
19 impact on communities of color; and

20 (2) there is an urgent need to pass bipartisan
21 legislation that ensures that law enforcement officers
22 who use excessive force or who wrongly kill unarmed
23 people are held accountable for their actions.