

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

We write to express our strong concern regarding release of 6,000 federal inmates, as the first wave of 46,000 eligible under the changes to the drug sentencing guidelines made in 2014 by the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

According to reports, at least 68 of the first wave of criminals released will be released in or sent to Louisiana. This is cause for alarm and we would hope you reconsider this action and the potential consequences before future planned releases. Like many cities, Louisiana is currently experiencing an increase in crime, and we are concerned that personnel in law enforcement, as well as parole and supervised release officials are already overwhelmed. Given that situation, we are unclear whether adequate caution and public protections are being observed. We cannot afford more criminals in our communities if the public is at risk.

Most concerning, reports indicate that approximately 2,000 of the inmates who will be released are illegal immigrants. Based on changes in how the Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) prioritizes deportation, as well as the fact that many countries refuse to take back illegals with criminal records, we are very concerned that illegals will end up being released into the community. New Orleans, plus more than 300 other sanctuary jurisdictions are already magnets for criminal illegals, with often tragic consequences. We have seen no guarantee from ICE that these criminal illegals will be deported and that not one will end up back on our streets.

Certainly every state and community should be ready to protect and plan for any releases. Toward that end, please also provide us with the following relevant information:

- The complete listing with criminal history of all inmates that are being released in or sent to Louisiana right now.
- The total number of inmates who could be released in or send to Louisiana out of the total 46,000 who might qualify for early release.
- The complete listing with criminal history of all convicts that you plan to release in or send to Louisiana as part of that 46,000 total.
- The total number out of the 46,000 to be released who are illegal immigrants.

- The total number out of the 46,000 to be released who are repeat offenders, have committed crimes of violence, or are guilty of dealing drugs.
- The selection criteria by which criminals are determined to be eligible for release.
- The policies and procedures ICE has outlined for this population which guarantee that none will be released into the community.

Because this release is happening as we write, we respectfully request a full and immediate response.

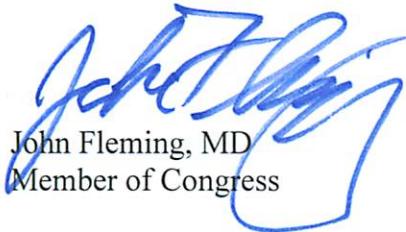
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