



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Prisons

Washington, DC 20534

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Dear Residential Reentry Center Directors:

In April 2014, the United States Sentencing Commission (USSC) voted unanimously to amend the guidelines to lower penalties for drug offenders. In July 2014, the USCC made this change retroactive (Amendment 782), thereby allowing tens of thousands of inmates to be resentenced. The reduced guidelines became effective November 1, 2014, but delayed the release of any inmates who are resentenced until November 1, 2015.

While Residential Reentry Management Branch staff members have been working with impacted RRC Directors on an individual basis, I want to ensure all RRC contractors are provided with information about this important matter.

The USSC estimates 30,000 inmates will be eligible for a sentence reduction; of these we expect approximately 6,600 will release on November 1, 2015. Approximately 1,900 of these inmates are non-US citizens. We expect the majority of the remaining 4,700 inmates will need a community-based placement. Bureau Residential Reentry Managers (RRMs) are working closely with RRC contractors to secure community-based placements for these releasing offenders. RRMs are also working closely with US Probation staff to facilitate these offenders' successful return to the community.

I have directed Residential Reentry Management Branch staff to continue working closely with you throughout this process. I encourage you to remain in close communication with RRMs, to include sharing your concerns and recommendations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Bureau RRM field office. Thank you in advance for your patience while we work to facilitate increased community-based placements during this time-limited event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clay B. Kiser".

Clay B. Kiser, Administrator
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