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Hon. Wesley Saint Clair
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Dear Mr. Chair:

I hereby request that the Sentencing Guidelines Commission (“SGC”) undertake a review of the criminal code in specific areas outlined below, to support the ongoing work of the Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force (“Task Force”), of which you are also an appointed member. I understand that the SGC will have a full-time staff member beginning July 1, 2021, and will thereby have the capacity to engage in this effort and to make recommendations to the Task Force.

First, I would like the SGC to examine “unranked” felony offenses and make recommendations as to which of those offenses should be ranked on the adult felony sentencing grid, and which offenses could be advisably repealed.

Second, I request that the SGC develop a proposal to move statutes that specifically prescribe felony criminal penalties from the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, Chapter 69.50 RCW, into the Sentencing Reform Act (“SRA”), Chapter 9.94A RCW. This proposal should also include a review of sentences for drug offenses and recommendations to reduce the reliance on punitive sanctions and to restructure outcomes to prioritize a therapeutic model for associated drug offenses.

Finally, I request that the SGC develop a proposal to consolidate any other criminal statutes that specifically prescribe felony criminal penalties into the SRA, Chapter 9.94A RCW. These proposals to consolidate all criminal penalties into the SRA are consistent with recommendations made by the Task Force in its December 2020 Report to the Governor and the Legislature.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for clarification. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Representative Roger Goodman
Chair, House Public Safety Committee
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