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TO: Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission

FROM: Commissioner Tom Roy

SUBJECT: Guidelines Research Project

This project will address three main questions related to the proposal to increase penalties for repeat violent offenders.

1. What is the violent recidivism risk for prisoners who would be eligible for the proposed legislation?
2. If the proposal went into effect, to what extent would it prevent repeat violent offenses from occurring?
3. What would be the cost from the increase in penalties (i.e., additional imprisonment) versus the estimated benefits resulting from a reduction in violent recidivism?

The dataset used to address these questions will be the same one that was used to develop and validate the MnSTARR 2.0, the recidivism risk assessment used by the Minnesota DOC. The MnSTARR 2.0 dataset contains nearly 40,000 offenders released from prison between 2006 and 2011. The MnSTARR 2.0 assesses risk separately for male and female prisoners for multiple types of recidivism—violent, non-violent, and felony—over a three-year follow-up period.