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**To:** [Guidelines, Sentencing \(MSGC\)](#)  
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UNBELIEVABLY!!!!!! That meeting on October 6th, 2022 literally made me SICK! It was specifically requested at a previous meeting for proposals. Judge Larkin presents one and-NO. Nothing but opposition from the peanut gallery. It is clear that there is a one sided agenda compiled with a smoke screen wasting time and tax payers money debating an issue that CLEARLY already has a plan. A few of you clearly have NO business sitting in the seats you're occupying.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Jacqueline Williams](#)  
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**Cc:** [Office of Governor Tim Walz](#)  
**Subject:** COMMENTS ON TODAY'S MEETING (10/6/2022) MINNESOTA SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION  
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I listened to today's meeting and wanted to submit comments but could not find a way to raise my hand.

Here are my comments:

The Commission must act NOW on the custody status point issue. It is a very interesting issue and we could discuss it for a very long time. We need more data about this, we could have done this if we had more time (yet NONE of you did anything except for Judge Larkin). Do you have an idea of how you appear to the public? As Judge Moore said, "this has been a burr in the saddle for too long". Judge Knutson said that "we have to resolve this, the legal community is asking us to resolve the matter". We have been living with this half custody status point for three years. Enough already. Do something, figure it out. Following Beganovic is the wrong way to go, absolutely sends the wrong message to the public. Essentially you are saying (allowing a court to set policy) that courts control sentencing guidelines, not the Commission. Judge Larkin is the ONLY Commission member to bring forward a proposal. Her latest proposal is simple and sensible and effectively puts in place what the Commission tried to do for much of last year and that caused such an uproar from those of us living with the crime. That is, eliminate the half custody status point. And Judge Larkin's proposal puts in place what the public has been asking for: Raise the custody status point for higher level offenses. Judge Larkin's proposal also incorporates what I heard from many members (who favor criminals over public safety): Eliminating the custody status point for low level and drug offenses. Do most of you just have a mind to be objectionable for the sake of being objectionable?

Move forward and adopt Judge Larkin's September 29, 2022 proposal in November. Save the rest for the comprehensive review of the guidelines.

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