A Resolution against the Imposition of Mandatory Minimum Sentences

WHEREAS, Since passage of the majority of mandatory minimum sentence laws in the 1980s, the prison population has quadrupled.

WHEREAS, The national prison population has risen to the point where one in every one hundred adults is in prison.

WHEREAS, Mass incarceration of this nature not only destroys lives, families, and fuels overpopulation and the poor prison conditions that accompany it, it also is expensive to taxpayers who have to pay to imprison more offenders for longer times as well as pay for new prison facilities to accommodate for the continuously growing prison population.

WHEREAS, There is little substantial evidence to suggest that mandatory minimums deter possible criminals.

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled prohibit the federal imposition of mandatory minimum sentences, and implore states to follow suit.

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