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NAAUSA and law enforcement groups have slowed down dangerous legislative proposals on Capitol Hill that would prospectively and retroactively reduce mandatory minimum sentences and strip AUSAs of critical prosecutorial tools.

NAAUSA has raised serious concerns about the merits of the Senate and House measures – the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act (S. 2123) and the Sentencing Reform Act (H.R. 3713). NAAUSA has spotlighted their unparalleled reach in ways never mentioned by the criminal defense bar and other supporters.

The sweeping legislative measures would reduce the sentences of dangerous felons in prison by retroactively lowering penalties for armed career criminals, serial violent criminals (including carjackers, bank robbers, business robbers (Hobbs Act), and pharmacy robbers, and also drug offenders who used firearms. By making these reductions retroactive, the legislation would make thousands of violent criminals eligible for resentencing under much lower penalty provisions.

The legislation would also create a second safety valve that would expand judicial discretion, limit application of the ten-year drug mandatory minimum, and expand the current safety valve.

Finally, the Senate measure would permit some offenders to receive as much as one-third off their sentence if they participate in education and training programs while in prison.



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