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TO: Commission on Sentencing members
FROM: Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services
RE: March 1-2 meeting agenda and background materials

The Commission on Sentencing meets again in Helena on March 1-2, starting at **8:30 a.m.** on Tuesday, March 1, and continuing at **8 a.m.** on Wednesday, March 2. The meeting will be held at the Capitol in Room 172.

A tentative meeting agenda is enclosed in this mailing. The mailing also includes documents that will either be discussed at the meeting or that provide background for some of the topics on the agenda. Please bring this packet to Helena with you. Other printed materials and a folder will be provided to you at the meeting.

In addition to the tentative agenda, this mailing should include:

- the CSG Justice Center analysis of front-end justice system trends that you received electronically earlier this month;
- a packet of reports related to jails and data collection in Indian Country. These reports are provided as background and may not be specifically covered in the related panel on criminal justice on Montana reservations;
- an article on criminal-justice system changes considered and made by other states;
- a printed version of the Easily Answered Questions document you received electronically after the November 2015 meeting;
- a FAQ document related to the South Dakota tribal parole pilot project; and
- public comments received in the mail and in emails before this meeting.

You will find electronic versions of most of these documents online at the commission's website: www.leg.mt.gov/cos. I will post the meeting materials, including presentation slides, as they become available.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. My email is rweiss@mt.gov and my phone number is 406-444-5367.