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# S. 500

To amend section 991(a) of title 28, United States Code, to require certain members of the United States Sentencing Commission to be selected from among individuals who are victims of a crime of violence.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 1999

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. HELMS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. COMPOSITION OF UNITED STATES SENTENC-**  
4 **ING COMMISSION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 991(a) of title 28, United  
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after “same political  
7 party.” the following: “Of the members who are not Fed-  
8 eral judges, not less than 2 members shall be individuals

1 who are victims of a crime of violence (as that term is  
2 defined in section 16 of title 18) or, in the case of a homi-  
3 cide, an immediate family member of such a victim.”.

4 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by this  
5 section shall apply with respect to any appointment made  
6 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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