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Hello Supreme Court,

I have concerns about this proposal. Stopping prosecutions post-filing will do nothing but artificially deflate the numbers of convictions. It will not stop the criminal behavior. If you are concerned about over-representation of some groups in the court system or incarceration, I suggest focusing on interventions tailored to the needs of those groups prior to them committing the crime, in the form of mental health and substance abuse evaluations and treatment, housing, stable food availability, stable medical treatment, etc. Those services can be extremely difficult to procure and arrange. This proposal will not help those individuals. For some, court involvement is the only way they gain access to or the support for these services. Just dismissing their case will harm them by throwing them back out on the street to, potentially, continue living in the way that caused them to have to resort to unlawful behavior in the first place. This puts them, and everyone else, at risk, as well as denying them the opportunity to live a clean, sober, healthy, housed life.

Thank you,  
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