# **Recommended Amendments to the First Step Act**

1. **All sex-offenders are excluded from any type of early release.** This includes:
   * Exclusion from the new time-credits for all sex-offenders, regardless of how many times they have committed the offense;
   * Exclusion from the retroactively-applied increased “good time” credits;
   * Exclusion from the new Safety Valve, regardless of how long they served a state or federal sentence. Under the current language, Brock Turner, the rapist from California who infamously only served 6 months in prison, is eligible for the safety valve.

This language should be verified by career experts at the Department of Justice or an expert neutral party to ensure there are no loopholes.

1. **All gun-criminals are excluded from any type of early release.** This includes:
   * Exclusion from the new time-credits for all gun criminals, regardless of how many times they have committed the offense;
   * Exclusion from the retroactively-applied increased “good time” credits;
   * Exclusion from the new Safety Valve, regardless of how long they served a state or federal sentence. Under the current language, a gun felon who **served** 11-months in state prison for brandishing a firearm during a robbery is eligible for the safety valve because his sentence was less than 12 months.

This language should be verified by career experts at the Department of Justice or an expert neutral party to ensure there are no loopholes.

1. **Drug possessors are eligible for early release. But all drug traffickers and kingpins are ineligible for any type of early release.**
   * Exclusion from the new time-credits for all drug traffickers, regardless of how many times they have committed the offense;
   * Exclusion from the retroactively-applied increased “good time” credits;
   * Exclusion from the new Safety Valve, regardless of how long they served a state or federal sentence. Under the current language, a drug trafficker who **served** 11-months in state prison for trafficking heroin is eligible for the new safety valve because they served less than 12 months.

This language should be verified by career experts at the Department of Justice or an expert neutral party to ensure there are no loopholes.

1. **Under no circumstances, should deportable aliens be allowed to be released into home confinement or halfway houses** 
   * The language to fix this should be verified by career experts at ICE.