THOMAS, J., dissenting

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JUSTICE THOMAS, dissenting.

Consistent with my dissenting opinion in *Kimbrough* v. *United States, post,* p. ____, I would affirm the judgment of the Court of Appeals because the District Court committed statutory error when it departed below the applicable Guidelines range.