



she was persuaded that a reduction to the bottom of the range was justified as a response to the sentencing discrepancy between crack and powder cocaine offenses. She continued that Taylor had not asked for a sentence below the guideline range and that she was not inclined to give him one under any authority she may have under *Kimbrough*. Instead, she noted that the reduced sentence she was imposing would best carry out the statutory purposes of sentencing by reflecting the severity of Taylor's crime, protecting the community, and achieving parity with the sentences of similarly situated defendants.

The district judge resentenced Taylor under the amended guidelines range, and Taylor did not argue that 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) would warrant a still-lower sentence. The judge confirmed that she would not be inclined to impose a lower sentence in light of *Kimbrough*. Accordingly, we AFFIRM the judgment of the district court.