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Recommendations for JJDP A Reauthorization

We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, urge Congress to include the following eight recommendations in the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A). These recommendations are grounded in recent research in the juvenile justice field, including research conducted by the Department of Justice, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other national and state organizations. The recommendations will also provide momentum for positive progress in the juvenile justice field and help protect the rights of youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

The recommendations are as follows:

1. Extend the *jail removal* and *sight and sound separation* core protections to all youth under the age of 18 held pretrial, whether charged in juvenile or adult court.
2. Change the definition of “adult inmate” to allow certain States to continue to place youth convicted in adult court in juvenile facilities rather than adult prisons without jeopardizing federal funding.
3. Strengthen the *Disproportionate Minority Contact* (DMC) core protection by requiring States to take concrete steps to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system.
4. Strengthen the *Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders* (DSO) core protection, which prohibits the locked detention of status offenders, by removing the Valid Court Order and Interstate Compact exceptions.
5. Provide safe and humane conditions of confinement for youth in state and/or local custody by restricting use of JJDP A funds for dangerous practices and encouraging States to promote adoption of best practices and standards.
6. Assist States in coming into compliance with the JJDP A and establish Incentive Grants to encourage States to adopt evidence-based or promising best practices that improve outcomes for youth and their communities.
7. Enhance the partnership between States and the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) by expanding training, technical assistance, research, and

evaluation and the partnership between OJJDP and Congress by encouraging transparency, timeliness, public notice, and communication.

8. Expand juvenile crime prevention efforts by reauthorizing and increasing funding for JJDP Title V and Mentoring.

We, the undersigned organizations, support the recommendations listed above and urge Congress to incorporate these recommendations into the next reauthorization of the JJDP:

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Human Rights Watch
Stop Prisoner Rape
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Afterschool Alliance
Alliance for Children and Families
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Civil Liberties Union
American Correctional Association
American Humane Association
American Probation and Parole Association
American Psychological Association
Asian Law Caucus
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Campaign for Youth Justice
Center for Children's Law and Policy
Child Welfare League of America
Children's Defense Fund
Community Action Partnership
Council for Educators of At-Risk and Delinquent Youth
Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators
Covenant House
Generations United
Girls Inc.
Justice Policy Institute
Juvenile Justice Trainers Association
Legal Action Center
Mennonite Central Committee Washington Office
National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Association for Children of Incarcerated Parents (NACIP)
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
National Association of Counties
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
National Association of School Psychologists
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
National Council of La Raza
National Council on Crime and Delinquency

National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
National Human Services Assembly
National Juvenile Defender Center
National Juvenile Detention Association
National Juvenile Justice Network
National Network for Youth
National Parent-Teacher Association
National Partnership for Juvenile Services
National Youth Advocate Program
National Youth Employment Coalition
School Social Work Association of America
Society for Research in Child Development
The Rebecca Project for Human Rights
The Sentencing Project
The United Methodist Church
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
Voices for America's Children
W. Haywood Burns Institute
Youth Law Center

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

California:

Center for Juvenile Law and Policy, Loyola Law School

Colorado:

Pendulum Foundation

Connecticut:

Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance

Delaware:

Delaware Center for Justice

District of Columbia:

Breakthrough Collaborative DC

Illinois:

Erie Neighborhood House
Illinois Parent Teacher Association
Little Village Community Development Corporation

Indiana:

Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force, Inc.

Massachusetts

Hispanic Office of Planning and Evaluation

Michigan:

Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency

New Jersey:

New Jersey Parents Caucus

North Carolina:

National Association of Social Workers- NC Chapter

Ohio:

CONNECTIONS Health Wellness Advocacy
Franklin County Public Defender Office
Juvenile Justice Coalition (Ohio)
Public Children Services Association of Ohio
Voices for Ohio's Children Juvenile Justice Initiative

Oregon:

Partnership for Safety and Justice

Pennsylvania:

Juvenile Detention Centers' Association of PA

Texas:

People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources (PODER)

Virginia:

Families & Allies of Virginia's Youth (FAVY)
JustChildren Program of the Legal Aid Justice Center
Mid-Atlantic Juvenile Defender Center, University of Richmond School of Law
Virginia Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Voices for Virginia's Children

Wisconsin

La Causa
United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc.

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