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Re: Our Sincere Congratulations on Your Confirmation as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs

Dear Assistant Attorney General Robinson,

On behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ), and our more than 1,800 members nationwide, we write to formally congratulate you on your confirmation as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) at the U.S. Department of Justice. We have admired and appreciated your leadership during the Obama Administration's transition and are pleased with the many advances and supports you have already put in place. We welcome your leadership in the arena of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, and as the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) is reauthorized.

For more than 25 years, CJJ has served as the national leadership association founded and governed by members of the State Advisory Groups (SAGs) chartered under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP). Since our inception, it has been CJJ's mission to support optimal implementation of the JJDP and other state-based delinquency prevention and juvenile justice programs and improvements. In doing so, CJJ places high value on partnership and collaboration with diverse juvenile justice stakeholders, from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and other federal agencies, to state and local juvenile justice agencies and decision-makers, to advocacy organizations and private foundations.

CJJ and its members hold in common with you many of the same goals and values. We look forward to working in close coordination to welcome a new Administrator for OJJDP, to help states and localities to overcome challenges, and to take full advantage of the state-federal partnership to serve youth, families, communities and the field. CJJ stands ready to work with you. Please feel free to call upon us at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David R. Schmidt'.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nancy Gannon Hornberger'.

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