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Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
Chair, County Legislature
Old County Hall
92 Franklin St., 4th Fl.
Buffalo, NY 14202

November 9, 2011

Dear Legislator Miller-Williams,

Chief Judge Lippman has proposed to increase the age of criminal responsibility in New York from age 16 to age 18. Chief Judge Lippman has charged the New York State Sentencing Commission with crafting legislation to operationalize his proposal. We expect that these recommendations will be considered in the upcoming 2012 session.

This reform will have implications for county public safety agencies, county jails, juvenile justice programs, Social Services departments, Probation departments and the courts. NYSAC is now taking this issue under review so we can make recommendations to the Sentencing Commission on how this age change proposal will impact counties.

I am asking for your feedback as you consider how this change might impact you locally. Please share with us any concerns you may have, both positive and negative, and any information about how this change will impact your county. NYSAC will be collecting these comments up until December 15th 2011. Please send your comments to Katy Vescio of my staff at kvescio@nysac.org

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Acquario
Executive Director

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