



A Nationwide Initiative Addressing Reauthorization of the  
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPDA)

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## ACTION ALERT!

### Support Juvenile Justice -- Contact Your Members of Congress

This month marks the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. For 35 years, the JJDPDA has provided direction and support for juvenile justice system improvements and has significantly contributed to the reduction of juvenile crime and delinquency. The JJDPDA sets out federal standards for the custody and care of youth in the juvenile justice system.

Reauthorizing the JJDPDA this year will protect children from the dangers of adult jails, improve safety for youth in custody, increase fairness by requiring states to take steps to reduce racial and ethnic disparities, and reduce the inappropriate detention of status offenders.

The continuing success of effective juvenile crime prevention and deterrence depends on Congress strengthening both the provisions of the JJDPDA, as well as the funding resources needed for states and localities to implement the law.

Please take a moment to click on the link below to send a letter to your member of Congress!

<http://youthpolicyactioncenter.org/>

Thank you!

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