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The Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (AJJAC) held an inperson meeting in Juneau on March 2-3, 2009. At the meeting Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) presented information on HB 141, which included Chris Alkidge the benefits of passing this legislation as well as the potential public safety issues if HB 141 does not pass.

Kong Howarth After discussion, the AJJAC voted unanimously on March 2, 2009 to Richard Isett support HB 141, the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

Judy Norton-Bedge Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Daniel M. Sprague Executive Director The Council of State Governments P.O. Box 11910 Lexington, KY 40578-8001

Dear Mr. Sprague:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National District Attorneys Association I want to offer our support for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. Our Board unanimously voted to support your effort during our recent meeting in Texas.

As local prosecutors we have to work daily with juveniles that require the attention of our court system and we recognize the need for interstate supervision of juvenile offenders and for the return of those who have escaped, run away or fail to live up to release expectations.

We also recognize that the changes in the complexities of our society have made many of the provisions of the compact badly out dated. Ideas such as community corrections, sexual predator registrations and victims rights provisions all impact on the how states must relate to each other in dealing with criminal offenders and in this instance, juveniles,

The Board of Directors considered the importance of addressing consistent treatment of juveniles in need of both consequences and treatment. The proposed Compact language provides states with the means of accomplishing these goals.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Sprague:

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is pleased to support the proposed Interstate Compact Initiative for Juveniles. As an organization that provides services to runaway youth and their families, we are pleased that this enhanced initiative will ensure consistent use of those policies governing the Compact.

Although, primarily designed to assist those organizations working within the juvenile justice, and social service systems, the Compact will assist NCMEC in it's work to bring children back home by providing law enforcement professionals with clear guidelines and procedures once a missing youth is recovered.

As you work to implement this initiative throughout the 50 states, please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of further assistance in this most important venture.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Foster:

As one of participating entities, the National Juvenile Detention Association (NJDA) has been actively involved in the review and update of the Interstate Compact or Juveniles, originally established in 1955. The two-year effort to modernize the Compact has been thorough and comprehensive and has engaged the efforts of many practitioners from the juvenile justice field. The process addressed a multiplicity of issues regarding the Compact that have been identified as problematic or outdated in an effort to develop a document that meets the current needs of stakeholders in the signatory states.

The nation's detention centers deal with the Contract frequently as the entities responsible for housing juveniles found to be in violation of placement agreements or of state laws in the receiving states. The proposed modifications to the Compact should address many of the issues that have created problems for detention centers and will offer assistance to them in dealing with both sending and receiving states.

As the association serving juvenile detention nationally, NJDA supports the proposed changes to the Compact. The changes are designed to address the needs of the states, of the agencies within the states, and of the public in ensuring that placement agreements are complied with and community safety is ensured.

We are happy to offer assistance to you in your efforts to achieve adoption of the revised Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Dunlap, Executive Director National Juvenile Detention Association

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