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## Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight

Chairperson Brungardt and Members of the Committee,

I am here today on behalf of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to offer some comments regarding the current activities of the CAC.

### Overview

The policy positions of the CAC were developed through careful analysis of the success of juvenile justice reform implemented in the communities in SFY 2000. The data shows significant and lasting reductions in youth offenders served at intake and assessment, juvenile court filings, youth in state's custody and at juvenile correctional facilities. Community engagement, prevention and earlier interventions at the local level along with use of evidence based assessments and programming, adequate staff resources and better training deserve much credit for these successes. Judges have demonstrated they will use less restrictive sentencing alternatives when they are proven to be effective and safe. This has prevented many youth from moving deeper into the system where services are far more costly and less effective in reducing future offending. The strongest proof in support of the success of juvenile justice reform has been the closure of two (of four) juvenile correctional facilities.

State Data Provided by JJA

### **Total Juvenile Offender Cases Filed Statewide**

FY02 15,829

FY11 11,158 30% reduction

### **Total Intake and Assessment Intake Events**

FY00 28,548

FY12 19,827 31% reduction

**Total Juvenile Correctional Facility Admissions**

FY00 979

FY12 415 58% reduction

**New JISP Admits**

FY05 1,514

FY12 1,205 20% reduction

**New Case Management and Conditional Release Admits**

FY05 2,087

FY12 1,308 37% reduction

**Allocations for Graduated Sanctions and Prevention**

FY00 \$21,335,944	FY05 \$22,084,702	FY10 \$26,421,806
FY01 \$27,100,354	FY06 \$22,056,766	FY11 \$23,928,093
FY02 \$26,250,355	FY07 \$22,221,809	FY12 \$20,703,328
FY03 \$23,095,929	FY08 \$22,221,809	FY13 \$21,383,874
FY04 \$22,964,404	FY09 \$26,171,816	

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.