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Dear Teachers and Administrators,

I am writing to invite your 8th grade students to participate in the 2014 Law Day Essay Contest. It is an opportunity for students to engage in critical thinking about an issue of law that may affect their lives and to write a persuasive essay presenting their point of view.

The topic of this year's contest is: ***"Should government regulate sugary drinks? Why or why not?"***

Essays should be no more than 600 words (2 typed pages, double-spaced, 12-point type) and the original work of the student.

Please include a **title page** with the student's name, age, teacher's name, name of your school and county in which it is located.

Each school will be limited to 30 essays. We ask your staff to help choose the top 30 essays for submission from those written by your students.

Entries should be submitted **electronically** as PDF or Word files on or before **Friday, April 11** to EssayContest@ct.gov. All participating schools will be informed of the winners by Wednesday, April 30. They will be announced to the public by press release on Law Day, May 1.

Blind judging will be used to choose winning essays in each of Connecticut's eight counties, as well as the best three essays statewide. Winners will receive certificates of achievement and the names of the winners, their schools and their essays will be posted on my website.

I look forward to your school's participation. These instructions will be posted on my website under the **"Current Issues"** button. You may also direct your questions to the contest coordinator Susan E. Kinsman, Esq. at susan.kinsman@ct.gov.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Jepsen".

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