

**CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION**

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**TESTIMONY REGARDING JUVENILE SENTENCING PROPOSAL**

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Dear Sentencing Commission Members:

We submit this testimony in support of legislation to provide review of lengthy adult sentences imposed on juvenile offenders. Review of such sentences, after a portion of the sentence is served, is supported by a well-established body of research and specifically endorsed by the American Psychiatric Association (“APA”). We support the testimony submitted by the Connecticut Psychological Association to the Sentencing Commission, which cites the Psychiatric Association’s position.

We appreciate the Sentencing Commission’s work on this important issue.