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Dear Director Garcia:

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has completed its review and analysis of the District of Columbia's federal fiscal year 2020 Compliance and Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Plans, and its compliance data and supporting documentation covering the federal fiscal year 2019 reporting period. OJJDP conducted the review to determine (1) whether the District of Columbia has described an effective system of monitoring, and (2) the extent of the District of Columbia's compliance with the four core requirements pursuant to Section 223(a)(11), (12), (13), and (15) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (the Act) as amended.

Based on our review and analysis of your 2020 compliance plan in the category 1 submission, and your compliance monitoring report in the category 2 submission, OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia has provided for an effective system of monitoring. This is not a determination that the District of Columbia, in fact, has an effective system of monitoring, which can be determined only through an onsite audit, but indicates that the District of Columbia has described an effective system of monitoring, pursuant to section 223(a)(14), including the submission of compliance data for at least 85% of facilities in the State required to report data. (*See* 28 C.F.R. § 31.303(f)(5)).

Based on our review and analysis of the federal fiscal year 2019 Compliance Monitoring Report and the 2020 RED Plan, OJJDP has determined:

- The District of Columbia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(11) of the Act (the deinstitutionalization of status offenders or DSO requirement).
- The District of Columbia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(12) of the Act (the separation requirement).
- The District of Columbia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(13) of the Act (the adult jail

and lockup removal requirement).

- The District of Columbia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(15) of the Act (the racial and ethnic disparities or RED requirement).

Under the Title II Formula Grants Program of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, as amended (34 U.S.C. §§ 11131-11133), each eligible state receives 20 percent of its total fiscal year allocation and an additional 20 percent for each of the four core requirements with which the state has demonstrated compliance. OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia is eligible to receive 100 percent of the fiscal year 2020 allocation related to participation in the Title II Formula Grants Program and compliance with Sections 223(a)(11), (12), (13), and (15) of the Act (34 U.S.C. § 11133(a)(11), (12), (13), and (15)). The enclosure summarizes the basis for the final compliance determination for each core requirement.

We are available to help the District of Columbia achieve and maintain compliance with all of the requirements of the Title II Formula Grants Program. If you have any questions, please contact your OJJDP State Relations and Assistance Division Program Manager, Nicole McCrae by phone (202)-598-2029 or email Nicole.McCrae@ojp.usdoj.gov

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

STATUS OF COMPLIANCE
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, as amended

Section 223(a)(11)

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 223(a)(11) of the Act (deinstitutionalization of status offenders), OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia has an institutionalization rate of 0.00 status offenders and nonoffenders held per 100,000 persons under the age of 18. This is consistent with the established standard of a rate not in excess of 4.87 per 100,000 persons under the age of 18. Based on federal fiscal year 2019 data that the District of Columbia has provided, OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia is in compliance with the requirements of Section 223(a)(11) of the Act, which requires that states not place (with certain exceptions) status offenders and nonoffenders in secure detention and correctional facilities.

Section 223(a)(12)

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 223(a)(12) of the Act (separation), OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia has a rate of 0.00 juveniles per 100,000 juvenile population who were detained or confined in institutions in which they had contact with adult inmates. This is consistent with the established standard of a rate not in excess of 2.56 per 100,000 juvenile population. Based on federal fiscal year 2019 data that the District of Columbia has provided, OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(12), which requires that states not detain or confine juveniles in any institution in which they have contact with adult inmates and that the state has a policy in effect requiring individuals who work with both juvenile and adult inmates, including in collocated facilities, to be trained and certified to work with juveniles.

Section 223(a)(13)

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 223(a)(13) of the Act (jail removal), OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia has a rate of 0.00 juveniles detained or confined in adult jails or lockups per 100,000 juvenile population. This is consistent with the established standard of a rate not in excess of 5.40 per 100,000 juvenile population. Based on federal fiscal year 2019 data that the District of Columbia has provided, OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(13), which requires that states not detain or confine (with certain exceptions) juveniles in adult jails and lockups and that the state has a policy in effect requiring individuals who work with both juvenile and adult inmates, in collocated facilities, to be trained and certified to work with juveniles.

Section 223(a)(15)

OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia is in compliance with section 223(a)(15) of the Act (racial and ethnic disparities). The summary of activities described in its federal fiscal year 2020 state plan indicates that the District of Columbia is addressing racial and ethnic disparities within its juvenile justice system.