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Dear Ms. Garcia:

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has completed its review and analysis of the District of Columbia's Compliance and DMC Plan, Compliance Data, and supporting documentation, covering the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 reporting period. The purpose of the review was to determine (1) whether the state has described an adequate system of monitoring, and (2) the extent of compliance with the four core requirements pursuant to Section 223(a)(11), (12), (13), and (22) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA).

Based on the review and analysis of the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Compliance Plan, OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia has provided for an adequate system of monitoring, as described in its state plan. This is not a determination that the state, in fact, has an adequate system of monitoring, which can be determined only through an on-site audit, but indicates that the state has described an adequate system of monitoring, pursuant to section 223(a)(14).

Based on the review and analysis of the Compliance Monitoring Report and the 2017 Disproportionate Minority Contact Compliance Plan, OJJDP has determined:

- The District of Columbia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(11) of the JJDPA (the "deinstitutionalization of status offenders" or "DSO" requirement).
- The District of Columbia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(12) of the JJDPA (the "separation" requirement) which requires that juveniles not be detained or confined in any institution in which they have contact with adult inmates.
- The District of Columbia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(13) of the JJDPA (the "adult jail and lockup removal" requirement).
- The District of Columbia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(22) of the JJDPA ("disproportionate minority contact" or "DMC").

Each state receives 20 percent of its total fiscal year allocation for participating in the Title II Formula Grant Program of the JJDPA (42 U.S.C. 5631-5633) and an additional 20 percent for each of the four core requirements with which they have demonstrated compliance. It is therefore determined that the District of Columbia is eligible to receive 100 percent of the Fiscal Year 2017 allocation related to participation in the Title II Formula Grant Program and compliance with Sections 223(a)(11), (12), (13), and (22) of the JJDPA. The attachment 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 Grant Program. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Carroll OJJDP, Core Protections Division, at (202) 307-5654.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

#### STATUS OF COMPLIANCE

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act

### Section 223(a)(11)

Based on Federal Fiscal Year 2016 data provided by the District of Columbia, OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia is in compliance with the requirements of Section 223(a)(11) of the JJDP Act (DSO), which requires that (with certain exceptions) status offenders and non-offenders not be held in secure detention and correctional facilities.

# Section 223(a)(12)

Based on Federal Fiscal Year 2016 data provided by the District of Columbia, OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(12) of the JJDP Act (separation), which requires that juveniles not be detained or confined in any institution in which they have contact with adult inmates and that there is a state 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)

Based on Federal Fiscal Year 2016 data provided by the District of Columbia, OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia is in compliance with Section 223(a)(13) of the JJDPA (jail removal), which requires that (with certain exceptions) no juveniles be detained or confined in adult jails and lockups, and that there is a state policy in effect requiring individuals who work with both such juvenile and adult inmates in collocated facilities, to have been trained and certified to work with juveniles.

#### Section 223(a)(22)

OJJDP has determined that the District of Columbia is in compliance with section 223(a)(22) of the JJDPA (DMC). The summary of activities described in its FY2017 state plan, indicate that the District of Columbia is addressing disproportionate minority contact within its juvenile justice system.