

November 3, 2014

DMC Policy Director
Center for Children's Law and Policy
1701 K Street, NW Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20006

Re: OJJDP and MacArthur Foundation
Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction Project

Dear Director:

Please find this correspondence in support of the above-referenced grant application associated with Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) for the participation in the Center for Children's Law and Policy's on *Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction Project*.

Youth referred to Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) represent some of the more racially/ethnically and socially disadvantaged groups in the community. This overrepresentation of minority youth referred to DJJS is a representative of the disproportionate minority contact issue plaguing juvenile justice system.

This funding opportunity will help DJJS to engage in a strategic and data-driven effort to reduce racial and ethnic disparities and Disproportionate Minority Contact in Clark County.

Sincerely,

Kirby Burgess, Chairman
State of Nevada Juvenile Justice Commission