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Dear Director Thome,

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has completed its review and analysis of Colorado's federal fiscal year 2019 Compliance and Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Plans, and its compliance data and supporting documentation covering the federal fiscal year 2018 reporting period. OJJDP conducted the review to determine (1) whether Colorado has described an adequate system of monitoring, and (2) the extent of Colorado's compliance with the four core requirements pursuant to Section 223(a)(11), (12), (13), and (22) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (the Act).

Based on our review and analysis of your 2019 compliance plan, OJJDP has determined that Colorado has provided for an adequate system of monitoring, as described in the state plan. This is not a determination that Colorado, in fact, has an adequate system of monitoring, which can be determined only through an onsite audit, but indicates that the state has described an adequate system of monitoring, pursuant to section 223(a)(14).

Based on our review and analysis of the Compliance Monitoring Report and the 2019 DMC Plan, OJJDP has determined:

- Colorado is in compliance with Section 223(a)(11) of the Act (the deinstitutionalization of status offenders or DSO requirement).
- Colorado is in compliance with Section 223(a)(12) of the Act (the separation requirement).
- Colorado is in compliance with Section 223(a)(13) of the Act (the adult jail and lockup removal requirement).
- Colorado is in compliance with Section 223(a)(22) of the Act (the disproportionate minority contact or DMC requirement).

Under the Title II Formula Grants Program of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

STATUS OF COMPLIANCE
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act

Section 223(a)(11)

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 223(a)(11) of the Act (deinstitutionalization of status offenders), OJJDP has determined that Colorado has an institutionalization rate of 1.19 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 5.85 per 100,000 persons under the age of 18. Based on federal fiscal year 2018 data that Colorado has provided, OJJDP has determined that Colorado 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 Colorado has a rate of 0.079 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 0.30 per 100,000 juvenile population. Based on federal fiscal year 2018 data that Colorado has provided, OJJDP has determined that Colorado 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 Colorado has a rate of 3.86 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 7.04 per 100,000 juvenile population. Based on federal fiscal year 2018 data that Colorado has provided, OJJDP has determined that Colorado 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)(22)

OJJDP has determined that Colorado is in compliance with section 223(a)(22) of the Act (disproportionate minority contact). The summary of activities described in its federal fiscal year 2019 state plan indicate that Colorado is addressing disproportionate minority contact within its juvenile justice system.

Prevention Act (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 Colorado is eligible to receive 100 percent of the fiscal year 2019 allocation related to participation in the Title II Formula Grants Program and compliance with Sections 223(a)(11), (12), (13), and (22) of the Act (34 U.S.C. § 11133(a)(11), (12), (13), and (22)). The enclosure summarizes the basis for the final compliance determination for each core requirement.

We are available to help Colorado 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, **Marisa Harris**, at **202.305.0888** or **Marisa.Harris@ojp.usdoj.gov**.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure