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K.P. Pelleran
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Dear Ms Pelleran,

The Michigan After-School Partnership (MASP) is a state-wide coalition of state organizations and local after-school collaborations working to ensure our state's children and youth have quality after-school programs that prepare them for the workplace and prepare them to become successful citizens.

On May 22, 2008, the leadership of the MASP voted unanimously to endorse the Youth PROMISE Act and support S.R. 155 introduced by Senator Mark Jansen and H.R. 310 introduced by Rep. Alma Wheeler Smith urging Congress to pass the Youth PROMISE Act. The Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act (Youth PROMISE Act), introduced in Congress by U.S. **Representative Bobby Scott** (D-VA), would authorize up to \$2.6 billion per year to enable communities to develop and implement plans, specific to the needs and strengths of communities, that utilize evidence-based prevention and intervention approaches to reduce juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity.

On behalf of the Michigan After-School Partnership, we are pleased to offer our endorsement of this federal legislation that would provide funding and supports for community based programs. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Michigan children and youth.

Sincerely,

Lynn Heemstra
MASP Chair

Mary Sutton
MASP Executive Director