



City of Pittsburgh

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..Title

WHEREAS, Senators Bob Casey and Olympia Snowe have introduced the Youth PROMISE Act (Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Interventions, Support, and Education) and Congressman Bobby Scott introduced the legislation in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Youth PROMISE Act seeks to aid communities by providing funding for proven strategies that have deterred youth violence and delinquency; and

WHEREAS, communities will create PROMISE Coordinating Councils which will create neighborhood specific strategies involving education, job training, substance abuse counseling, mental health services, and family therapeutic interventions; and

WHEREAS, these Council will aim to assist young people who are at risk or who are already involved in criminal activities or the justice system; and

WHEREAS, a National Research Center for Proven Juvenile Justice Practices will be created to collect and distribute information about successful programs and practices so results can be duplicated in other communities; and

WHEREAS, the PROMISE Act provides funding to create law enforcement practices are youth-oriented and community based; and

WHEREAS, the Youth PROMISE Act has been endorsed by hundreds of national and state organizations.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh calls on all members of Pennsylvania's Congressional Delegation to co-sponsor the Youth PROMISE of 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to all members of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation.

