

Dear Commissioner _____:

As a member of the board of directors/volunteer of _____ and a resident of _____ County, I am writing you to voice my support of the rewrite of Georgia's juvenile code, known as the Child Protection and Public Safety Act (HB 641/SB 127). This legislation will modernize our juvenile laws and ultimately improve the outcomes of the children that live in our community. What we know is that most court-involved children are not only best served in their community, it is the most cost effective approach. Many of these children are already being served in the community and the code rewrite ensures better coordination of those services which will in turn result in better outcomes for children and a more efficient use of the county's court resources.

I am impressed by the work that has been done by the JUSTGeorgia coalition that includes working with your colleagues on the juvenile court, state agencies and the legal community to craft a bill that will improve opportunities and outcomes for our most vulnerable kids.

Under the leadership of Chairman Hamrick in the Senate and Chairman Willard in the House , we hope that the General Assembly will pass the new Children's Code in 2012. With very few issues still remaining, I am confident that our shared commitment to the best interests of children will help us find common ground.

Thank you for your attention and for all you do for our community's children.

Sincerely,