

## NEW YORK STATE PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

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# Physicians Urged to Write to Governor in Support of Legislation To Prohibit Prosecution of Seven to Twelve Year Olds

NYSPA is gathering letters in support of legislation (S4051-A/A4982-A) that Governor Hochul is expected to act on very soon that would bar the prosecution of 7 to 12 year-olds. It is important YOU make your voice heard!

Additional provisions of the bill include: (a) prohibit youth under the age of 13 from being detained in a secure detention facility; (b) prohibit fingerprinting of youth under the age of 12; (c) mandate local social service districts to establish differential response programs, approved by Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), for children under the age of twelve whose behavior but for their age would bring them within the jurisdiction of the family court in an effort to prevent future interaction with the juvenile justice system; (d) provide training for police and staff of local social service districts; (e) assure confidentiality of records associated with services for youth; and (f) require OCFS to produce annual reports on the differential response programs.

NYSPA issued a memo in support of the legislation, which is consistent with the recommendations of other leading pediatric and specialty societies, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, to raise the minimum age of juvenile delinquency to 12.

<u>Attached</u> is a template letter for your use. Please add/edit if you choose, then sign and send to Jamie Papapetros at <a href="mailto:dpapapetros@carreauconsulting.com">dpapapetros@carreauconsulting.com</a>.

Please send by this Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> because we plan to forward

the letters to Governor Hochul as a batch no later than Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.



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