

August 20, 2018

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The Hon. Paul Ryan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
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The Hon. Charles Schumer  
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The Hon. Nancy Pelosi  
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Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan, and Leader Pelosi:

Results for America is writing to urge you to take the swiftest path forward to reauthorizing the *Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP)*.

It's been over a year since two very aligned, bipartisan JJDP reauthorization bills passed both chambers of Congress. H.R. 1809, sponsored by Reps. Jason Lewis (R-MN) and Bobby Scott (D-VA), passed the House by voice vote on May 23, 2017. S. 860, sponsored by Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), passed the Senate by voice vote on August 1, 2017.

Both bills would harness the power of data and evidence to improve the juvenile justice system in our country. More specifically, the bills include important provisions that would:

- define what constitutes “evidence-based” and “promising” programs funded through JJDP;
- require states to describe how they will use federal funds to promote evidence-based and trauma-informed programs and practices;
- require competitive grant applicants to invest their funds in evidence-based prevention programs, and provide a priority for applicants that develop data-driven prevention plans, implement evidence-based prevention strategies, and conduct program evaluations; and
- require the Comptroller General to conduct an evaluation of selected JJDP grantees.

Since we believe the differences between these two bills are resolvable, this bipartisan legislation can and should move through Congress quickly.

Thank you in advance for considering our request,



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