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The Honorable Mary Landrieu
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable James Inhofe
United States Senate
205 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Landrieu and Senator Inhofe:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the more than 3,000 elected Sheriffs nationwide, I write in support of your forthcoming bill, the *Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education (PROMISE) Act*, which would improve safety in high crime neighborhoods through community efforts with at-risk youth.

This bill would involve local law enforcement directly in delinquency prevention through representation on local Coordinating Councils and through the bill's delinquency intervention and prevention training. Furthermore, the emphasis on community-based solutions in the bill directly engages local law enforcement in voicing their concerns and offering solutions to community-based and delinquency-related problems. In addition, the bill's establishment of the National Research Center for Proven Juvenile Justice Practices will provide local law enforcement with a central resource for locating the latest evidenced-based practices in delinquency behavior prevention and intervention practices for use in their communities.

In closing, NSA thanks you for your efforts on the forthcoming *Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education (PROMISE) Act*; and we look forward to working with you on this and many other issues in the future.

Respectfully yours,

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