

The Honorable Senator Jon Kyl  
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Senator Kyl:

As an Arizonan, I respectfully write in strong opposition to any amendment you plan to offer during the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act that would modify the federal transfer law.

Although youth must be held accountable for their crimes, transferring youth to the adult criminal justice system:

- Actually increases the likelihood that a youth will commit future crimes;
- Disproportionately affects youth of color;
- Goes against the public's support of having judges determine which youth should be transferred to the adult system;
- Is inconsistent with the latest scientific evidence on the adolescent brain; and
- Would result in irreparable harm to youth who will eventually be returned to our communities.

I respectfully request that you do not offer any amendment that would increase the number of youth tried as adults in the federal criminal justice system. Thank you and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,