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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS  
Michigan State Senate  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Dudley Spade, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS  
Michigan House of Representatives  
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Spade:

Section 721 of 2009 Public Act 129 (Enrolled Senate Bill No. 248) requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to report on the placement of juvenile offenders who need services in community-based or privately operated facilities.

The DHS Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ), through the Juvenile Justice Assignment Unit is responsible for the assessment and placement of youth adjudicated, delinquent and referred to BJJ for placement in residential facilities for care and treatment.

The BJJ does not typically place youth in community-based placements other than the Community Justice Centers (CJCs). Placements of these types are usually utilized by courts prior to commitment to BJJ for secure placement. The CJCs are used by the department as step down treatment placements from more secure residential care. It is anticipated that the department will place youth in other community-based settings as the new Re-Entry pilot is implemented.

During fiscal year 2009, the department's juvenile justice online technology system showed 391 youth placed in private residential placements and 118 youth as being placed in facilities, excluding those youth placed in detention.

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If you have any questions, please contact John Evans, director of the Bureau of Juvenile Justice at (517) 335-3489.

Sincerely,

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