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Cynthia Mason
Cuyahoga County Department of Public Safety & Justice Services
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Dear Ms. Cynthia Mason:

We are pleased to write this letter of support for EYEJ: Empowering Youth, Exploring Justice as they submit a submission for the Title II Formula Grant for services that help to reduce juvenile arrests and racial and ethnic disparities in the Juvenile Justice System.

EYEJ's work helps to empower and amplify youth voices along with the challenges that face at-risk youth in Cleveland. Furthermore, their work will help to partner with Cuyahoga County to help address the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) and to help work together to reduce disparity in the juvenile justice system in Ohio.

Their grant submission will support many youth located in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center and approximately 30 youth in the Community-Based Intervention Center located at the Metzenbaum Center in Fall of 2019 with the EYEJ Discussion Series program. The funding from the Title 11 Formula Grant would directly support these set of youth.

We look forward to partner with EYEJ and the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Safety & Justice Services on this initiative. If there are any questions, please contact me at 216-443-3515.

Sincerely,

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Court Administrator