## Script for Calling House Member and Senators Seeking Initial Co-Sponsors for YPA

House Members –
"Hi, I'm a constituent, living in the town/city of, and I'd like to encourage Congress(wo)man's support for a piece of legislation – the Youth PROMISE Act."
[If you are calling the D.C. office, you can add: "I'd like to speak with the staff member who deals with Education and Workforce issues, or juvenile justice in particular." (Your local office will not typically have issue specialists, but they will pass your opinions on to the Washington office)].
"The Youth PROMISE Act is due to be reintroduced sometime in the next few months, and I would like Congress(wo)man to sign on as an initial co-sponsor – by reaching out to the office of the lead sponsor, Congressman Bobby Scott."
[If s/he was a co-sponsor of the YPA in the last session of Congress, please let the staffer know that, thank the Congressmember for that support, and encourage them to become an initial co-sponsor.]
"This bill will promote effective, community-based early intervention and prevention programs — programs that reduce our national epidemic of youth violence and incarceration. Pennsylvania used a similar approach to the one in the Youth PROMISE Act, and found that over ten years they saved five dollars for every one dollar invested, and were able to close a 100-bed juvenile detention facility."
"I would love to know what the Congress(wo)man's decision is about becoming an initial co-sponsor – how might we follow up?"
Senators –
"Hi, I'm a constituent, living in the town/city of, and I'd like to encourage Senator's support for a piece of legislation – the Youth PROMISE Act."
[If you are calling the D.C. office, you can add: "I'd like to speak with the staff member who deals with Judiciary issues, or juvenile justice in particular." (Your local office will not typically have issue specialists, but they will pass your opinions on to the Washington office)].
"The Youth PROMISE Act is due to be reintroduced sometime in the next few months, and I would like Senator to sign on as an initial co-sponsor – by reaching out to the office of the lead sponsor, Senator James Inhofe."
[If s/he was a co-sponsor of the YPA in the last session of Congress, please let the staffer know that, thank the Senator for that support, and encourage them to become an initial co-sponsor.]
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