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Jody Kent, National Coordinator
The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth
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Dear Ms. Kent:

The National Black Police Association believes in fair sentencing for youth that reflects our values and moral beliefs, and fundamental difference between youth and adults. Youth are still developing both physically and emotionally and their brains, not just their bodies, are not yet fully grown.

Sentencing juveniles to life terms without the possibility of parole is cruel, unfair, and unnecessary to protect our communities. The sentence sends an unequivocal message to young people that they are beyond redemption.

The National Black Police Association would like for its name to be added to the other organizations and individuals believe this practice must end now. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Ronald E. Hampton
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Cc: John F. Hayes, Jr., National Chairman