



December 16, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
United States Senate  
433 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

On behalf of World Vision, I am writing to express strong support for S. 678, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2009, and to thank you for introducing this important legislation.

S. 678 updates and enhances critical components of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act (JJDP), which has been protecting youth across the nation for over 30 years. This important legislation supports the work of youth development organizations like World Vision by strengthening youth violence prevention and intervention efforts and expanding several core protections and safeguards for youth in the system.

World Vision supports this bill as a significant step towards improving the JJDP, and we offer our organization as a resource as the bill moves through the legislative process. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of youth across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Stearns". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Stearns  
President