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Re: Nurse-Family Partnership Funding

Dear Legislator:

On behalf of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, we thank you for your support of the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting program last session. We ask that you extend that support this year and continue to invest \$2.5 million in the NFP program.

While most survivors of childhood abuse and neglect never become violent criminals, research shows that an estimated 3,000 of the 77,000 victims of abuse and neglect in New York in 2010 will later become violent criminals who otherwise would have avoided such crimes if not for the abuse and neglect they endured as children.

The randomized control trial of the NFP program showed that children of participating mothers had 48% fewer substantiated reports of abuse or neglect than the children of mothers in the control group, indicating that home visiting can cut abuse and neglect nearly in half among at-risk children.ⁱ The children left out of the program also had more than twice as many arrests by age 15, and they were twice as likely to be convicted by age 19.ⁱⁱ

These large reductions in abuse, neglect and crime mean that home visiting can save far more than it costs. These are measurable outcomes that will strengthen families and make communities safer.

Fight Crime is comprised of over 300 law enforcement leaders—chiefs of police, sheriffs, and district attorneys—and crime survivors across the state. Research and our first-hand experience show that it takes both strict law enforcement and proven prevention programs—such as home visiting—to keep our communities safe.

We hope that you will invest \$2.5 million in the NFP program this year, thereby reducing child abuse and neglect and decreasing crime.

Should you need to reach Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, please contact Jenn O'Connor, NYS Director, at 518/396-5774 or jconnor@fightcrime.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

ⁱ The original findings were presented in Olds, D.L., Eckenrode, J., Henderson, C.R., Kitzman, J.H., Powers, J., Cole, R., et al. (1997). Long-term effects of home visitation on maternal life course and child abuse and neglect: Fifteen-year follow-up of a randomized trial. *JAMA*, 278(8), 637-643; Revised results in: Luckey, D.W., Olds, D.L., Zhang, W., Henderson, C., Knudtson, M., Eckenrode, J., et al. "Revised analysis of 15-Year Outcomes in the Elmira Trial of the Nurse-Family Partnership." Prevention Research Center for Family and Child Health, University of Colorado Department of Pediatrics, 2008.

ⁱⁱ Eckenrode, J., Campa, M., Luckey, D.W., Henderson, C.R., Cole, R., et al. (2010). Long-term effects of prenatal and infancy nurse home visitation on the life course of youths: 19-year follow-up of a randomized trial. *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*, 164(1), 9-15; Luckey, D.W., Olds, D.L., Zhang, W., Henderson, C., Knudtson, M., Eckenrode, J., et al. "Revised analysis of 15-Year Outcomes in the Elmira Trial of the Nurse-Family Partnership." Prevention Research Center for Family and Child Health, University of Colorado Department of Pediatrics, 2008.