



*5,000 Police Chiefs, Sheriffs,
Prosecutors, other Law
Enforcement Leaders, and
Violence Survivors
Preventing Crime and Violence*

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

December 8, 2014

Dear Governor Cuomo:

On behalf of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, we urge you to Keep the Promise of Pre-K and continue your historic investment in full-day, high-quality Pre-K programs in FY2015-16.

Our membership of 248 sheriffs, police chiefs, district attorneys, and crime survivors represent constituencies across New York State. Therefore, it is particularly important to us that this year's investment be equitable across the State and serve more children outside of New York City.

We urge you to:

- Add at least \$150 million to the Statewide Universal Full-Day Prekindergarten Program, to provide upfront funding for districts outside New York City, and fully support New York City's plan to reach universal service in the 2015-16 school year.

Because research shows that increasing access is not enough, we also urge you to:

- Invest \$20M in increasing quality in early learning through implementation of a quality rating and improvement system, such as QUALITYstarsNY.

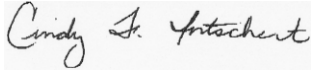
For the sake of our children, we cannot make an assumption of quality. And we need to ensure that your generous investment has the rate of return that we know is only possible if we measure program quality and provide opportunities to improve it.

We know that if we don't pay now, New Yorkers will pay law enforcement later. We would rather fill Pre-K classes—both in schools and in community-based organizations—than fill jails and prisons. That is why we ask that you Keep the Promise of Pre-K by making these investments.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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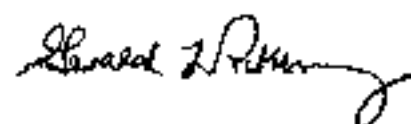
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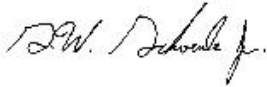
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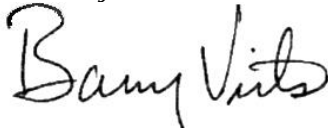
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