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Dear Fellow States:

By now, many of you are aware that as of August 26, 2008 the Governor of Illinois signed legislation adopting the new Interstate Compact on Juveniles, thus becoming the 35th state to do so. It is expected that most of the remaining states will adopt the legislation over the next year. The new compact law triggers the formation of a National Commission, similar in function to the commission that already governs the adult system. In the near future, the Council of State Governments (CSG) will be sending out information to each of the 35 states' governors, attorneys general, chief justices, legislative leaders, agency heads, and compact administrators. This information will list the initial steps that will be taken in the coming months to establish and organize the National Commission. One of the first tasks will be for each of the 35 states to appoint a commissioner to serve on the National Commission. The first Commission meeting is being planned for later this year and will cover such items as the adoption of interim rules and selection and appointment of appropriate committees.

The AJCA has received a number of questions since the 35th state adopted the new Compact, particularly in reference to conducting business between "old compact" and "new compact" states. Please refer to the AJCA rules section 900 for the transition rules for answers to this and other questions. As you will note, the current AJCA rules will still apply 12 months after the first meeting of the National Commission. We would not expect the states to conduct business any differently than in the past, during this interim period. As rules are reviewed and changed or modified by the National Commission, practice may change in the future, which is why it is important for compact administrators and deputies to be involved in this process from the beginning.

The Board that was elected at the annual meeting in Boise in August has been reorganized as there were 5 members who were no longer eligible for AJCA membership. This was due to their specific state legislation that repealed the old compact immediately upon adoption of the new compact by the 35th state. President Paul Gibson is also one of the Board members who is now ineligible for membership. As such, under AJCA by-laws, Vice-President Mike Lacy will serve as president for 2008-2009. You will note, to your immediate left, that this letterhead reflects the new composition of the Board. The Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators will remain a viable organization as long as there are at least 2 states that are still eligible for membership.

As immediate Past President, it has been an honor to serve as an officer in this organization and I will certainly look forward to continuing to work with each of you in the day to day business of serving youth nationwide, as well as participating in the implementation of the new compact.

Sincerely,

Paul Gibson
Immediate Past President

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President