



March 3, 2026

Sam Abed
Director
Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services
1100 4th Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Abed:

I write to follow up on our discussion last fall regarding transitioning certain functions of the Office of Independent Juvenile Justice Facilities Oversight (OIJJFO) to the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS).

You will recall that when we spoke in October 2025, you agreed that DYRS would continue to analyze and publish monthly population and incident data for both the YSC and New Beginnings on DYRS's web site. Mark Jordan, who directed the OIJJFO, has continued to work on this transition in coordination with your team and staff members of the Office of the Chief Technology Officer. I greatly appreciate this collaborative effort.

My understanding as of today is that:

- The transition from the legacy reporting processes involving OIJJFO staff is now complete;
- DYRS will continue to manage the ongoing analysis and publication of this data on the DYRS website;
- More specifically, DYRS assumed responsibility for public reporting of incident data effective October 1, 2025; and
- Daily population reporting was transitioned from a manual update process to a fully-automated process effective February 27, 2026.

We look forward to DYRS's continued publication of this data, as it serves as a vital window into the safety of the youth, staff, and public who reside, work, or otherwise occupy the YSC and New Beginnings and is important information for the D.C. Council, advocates, other juvenile justice stakeholders, and the public at large.

Thank you for facilitating this transition process.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen Patterson
District of Columbia Auditor

Cc: Councilmember Zachary Parker, Chair, Committee on Youth Affairs
Councilmembers
Stephen N. Miller, OCTO