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Commissioner Faye Andrews
City of Albany Department of Youth
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175 Central Ave.
Albany, NY 12206

Re: OJJDP FY 2009 Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program

Dear Ms. Andrews:

I am writing to offer this letter of support and collaboration between the City of Albany's Gang Prevention Program and the City of Albany Police Department for the above mentioned grant application. Since its inception in 1999, the Gang Prevention Services Program has worked with the Albany Police Department to provide gang prevention and alternative services to at risk youth. The program has provided our staff with the much needed training to recognize gang involved youth, identify youth at risk of joining a gang, and how to address this growing problem in our community. The program further offers a proven program to refer youth and their families to in times of need.

Through this grant, the Albany Gang Prevention Program will be able to expand its services in order to reach out to more the City's youth who are struggling with the pressure to join a gang. I look forward to our continued partnership in reaching troubled youth and their families in the City of Albany.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "STEVEN KROKOFF".

STEVEN KROKOFF
Deputy Chief of Police

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