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To: House Committee on Human Services and Housing  
From: Commissioner Earl Fisher  
Date: February 12, 2013  
Subject: Support of HB2392 with Amendments by Representative Clem

Columbia County supports HB 2392 with Amendments by Representative Clem. The Amendment clarifies statutory requirements proposed in HB 2392 as introduced. The Amendment provides the opportunity for all non-metropolitan counties and regions to have an equal voice and equality in funding programs and services which meet best practice criteria for youth prevention.

Columbia County has consistently used this funding to establish and sustain such a program. Since 1995, over 3,000 youth have been served, 85% or more of whom have not entered the juvenile justice system. Outcomes are tracked and analyzed by NPC Research and show statistically significant positive results in decreasing juvenile crime activity, school dropout, academic failure, and aggressive behavior. The results also show a significant increase in resiliency.