

# Memorandum

**To:** Justin Carbonella                      Scott Cochran                      Barbara Lockhart  
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**From:** Jay Aronson

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**Re:** Legislative Update

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This Week At The Capitol:

Another busy week for YSBs and CYSA!

The State was closed on Tuesday for Lincoln's Birthday but by Wednesday the building was once again in full swing. On Wednesday Erica met with Senate Republican staff to discuss Senator Fasano's auto theft diversion bill. Erica tells me there will be further discussions.

On Thursday, Senator Fasano spoke to the CYSA Board. We thanked him for his interest in and commitment to Youth Service Bureaus and all the community based work you do.

Later in the day, on behalf of CYSA, Erica and I met with the Chairs of the Appropriations Committee (Justin got a pass because he was sick!). It is clear from our meeting that YSBs enjoy strong support, however, they also made clear that they are very concerned about the looming cuts in the Governor's budget. They were also very clear about wanting data to show your results so that they may argue on your behalf that YSBs are VERY deserving of state funding. We also pointed out that YSBs are being asked to do more even as our funding has been cut, especially as the JJPOC wants YSBs to be the hub for community diversion services in the towns you serve. It goes without saying that no promises were made!

The State is closed on Monday for President's Day; however, the Governor will give his budget address on Wednesday. As soon as I get the details, I will be sharing them with Justin.

As always, please contact me at your convenience should you have any questions or concerns about these or any other Legislative matters. Also, please share this information with your members as you see fit.