## March 6, 2019

Mr. Steven P. Lafreniere Executive Director Alabama Department of Youth Services 1000 Industrial School Road Montgomery, Alabama 36117

**RE:** Alabama Department of Youth Services FY 19/20 – FY20/21 Diversion Grant Application

Dear Mr. Lafreniere:

This letter is provided as authorization for the submission of an application to the Alabama Department of Youth Services from the Baldwin County Commission on behalf of the Baldwin County Juvenile Court. The Baldwin County Commission is respectfully requesting total funding for the Baldwin County Youth Advocate Program Diversion Program in the amount of \$309,307.00 annually. These funds will enable the program continuity of its outstanding services to the youth of Baldwin County.

As Chairman of the Baldwin County Commission, I agree upon the approval of the Baldwin County Youth Advocate Program Diversion Program project on behalf of the Baldwin County Juvenile Court. I also agree to advocate the funding award provided by the Alabama Department of Youth Services for the continuation of proposed services to the Baldwin County Youth Advocate Diversion Program.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Gruber, Chairman Baldwin County Commission

cc: Judge Carmen Bosch Rodney Criswell Christie Davis Ronald Cink