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Dear Review Team:

Sedgwick County Department of Corrections intends to request Title II funding for the *Sedgwick County JDAI Advancement Project* to advance the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. The purpose of this letter is to officially advise the Review Team that no funding has been provided in the Sedgwick County 2012 Adopted Budget to support this state project or the activities proposed in this grant application.

Sedgwick County has demonstrated a sustained commitment to juvenile detention reform and disproportionate minority contact reduction efforts. The *Comprehensive Plan for Juvenile Delinquency Prevention for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District* prioritizes this issue which encompasses alternatives to secure detention. Therefore, this project coordinates well with the County's other efforts.

We appreciate the State of Kansas' commitment to assisting communities promote improvements in the juvenile justice system. Sedgwick County has made a sizeable investment in alternatives to detention and is pleased to have the opportunity to increase our understanding of detention utilization.

Sincerely,

William P. Buchanan,  
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