



## State Senator Velmanette Montgomery

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# JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON RAISE THE AGE

Senate Standing Committee On Children & Families  
Senate Standing Committee On Crime Victims, Crime & Correction

**SUBJECT:** The age of criminal responsibility and its impact in New York State

**PURPOSE:** To review issues in the criminal justice system related to treatment of 16 and 17 year olds

Albany  
Hearing Room A  
Legislative Office Building  
Monday, February 6, 2017  
11:00AM

The purpose of this hearing is to examine New York's laws, policies and proposals related to treatment of 16 and 17 year olds in the criminal justice system and assess their effectiveness in deterring crime, improving public safety, and enhancing rehabilitation of troubled youths.

Oral testimony will be accepted by invitation only and limited to ten (10) minutes' duration. All testimony will be under oath. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to the Committees as early as possible.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Fifteen (15) copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

In order to meet the needs of those with a disability, the Legislature, in accordance with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals with disabilities. For individuals with disabilities, accommodations will be provided, upon reasonable request, to afford such individuals access and admission to legislative facilities and activities.

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***ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY***