

December XX, 2015

Ms. Stephanie Graubner Nelson
Supreme Court of Ohio
65 S. Front St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Ms. Graubner Nelson,

I am writing in support of Local Juvenile Restraint Rule 5.01, a proposed Rule of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio. The **(Name of Organization)** supports the protection of youth in the justice system.

The juvenile justice system exists to rehabilitate and help children, not harm them. Shackling can have damaging psychological effects on youth, most of whom have already experienced trauma before encountering the justice system. Also, the automatic use of restraints in juvenile court robs young people of their right to due process and to be treated like an individual by the courts.

The **(Name of Organization)** supports Local Restraint Rule 5.01 because it would allow children in Ohio to be treated in a more humane manner. Children should be held accountable for their actions, and this rule preserves accountability through the courts. The rule also protects the constitutional rights of children and strengthens the rehabilitative purpose of the juvenile justice system.

Respectfully,

Name

Title

Organization