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## Chief Justice Jonathan Lippman Calls for Sweeping Juvenile Justice Reform

NEW YORK-In response to Chief Judge Lippman's remarks today at the Citizens Crime Commission's Breakfast Forum, calling to raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York State, Richard M. Aborn and Judge Michael Corriero released the following statement:

"We applaud Chief Judge Lippman's leadership to raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York State. This is a critical issue with far reaching consequences to improve public safety. We agree that sixteen and seventeen year olds that commit non-violent, non-serious acts, should be prosecuted as youths under the Family Court Act. New York has been a progressive leader in the nation on civil rights, women's rights, LGBTQ rights, and the environment but we lag sorely behind 48 other states in juvenile rights. Now is the time to reverse that wrong."

Chief Judge Lippman's remarks are available on the Crime Commission's website at: <http://www.nycrimecommission.org/pdfs/Lippman110921.pdf>

**Richard M. Aborn** is President of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City.

**Michael A. Corriero** is the Founder and Executive Director of the New York Center for Juvenile Justice, a non-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote a model of justice for minors that responds to their conduct with developmentally sensitive strategies. He was a judge for 28 years in the Criminal Courts of the State of New York. During the last 16 years of his tenure, he presided over Manhattan's Youth Part, a special court set aside within the adult court system to deal exclusively with the cases of juvenile offenders who were 13, 14, and 15-year-olds charged with the most serious crimes. Consequently, he adjudicated the cases of thousands of New York City teenagers. As a result of his experience, he authored a book titled "Judging Children as Children-a proposal for a Juvenile Justice System" published by Temple University Press.

The Citizens Crime Commission of New York City is an independent nonprofit organization working to make criminal justice and public safety policies and practices more effective through innovation, research, and education. In the last three decades, the Crime Commission has been a leader on key issues such as: increasing the size of the NYPD, expanding the use of DNA evidence in crime fighting, creating innovations that reduce juvenile crime, developing interventions against gun violence and illegal gun crime, and highlighting the changing nature of the threat of terrorism.

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