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Dear Commissioner Carrión,

Congratulations on your appointment as ACS Commissioner. The City Bar looks forward to working with you on the child wellness issues that we know are so important to you. In May 2013, the City Bar issued the enclosed report, *Policy Recommendations for New York City's Next Mayor*.<sup>1</sup> Our Children and the Law Committee, Council on Children, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Committee, New York City Affairs Committee, and Social Welfare Law Committee all contributed to the report and stand ready to provide whatever further insight or assistance might be helpful.

As you'll see from Section VII of the report, we address issues such as: increasing foster parent recruitment throughout New York City; strengthening support and accountability for foster children whose permanency goal is Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement; simplifying and expanding housing options for APPLA youth; and improving services for LGBTQ youth. While we recognize that you are already well aware of the issues in our report, we take this opportunity to highlight the concerns of the City Bar in these critical areas.

We look forward to working with you as you undertake the duties of your office. Please feel free to contact me or the City Bar's Legislative Director, Maria Cilenti, with any questions.

Sincerely,



Carey Dunne

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<sup>1</sup> Available at <http://www.nycbar.org/images/stories/pdfs/mayoralreport04302013.pdf>. The relevant pages are 51-53 ("Implement New Tools to Promote Child Wellness"), and 56 ("Improve the Relationship Between Social Welfare Agencies and Vulnerable New Yorkers - LGBTQ individuals").