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Senator the Hon. Dorothy C. Lightbourne
Minister of Justice and the Attorney General
Ministry of Justice
11th floor, South Tower, 2 Oxford Road, Kgn 5

Dear Senator the Hon. Lightbourne,

I am pleased to inform you of and to invite you to the HIV Prevention for girls and young women Stakeholders' Meeting to be held on Thursday, October 9, 2008 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at The Courtleigh Hotel and Suites, 85 Knutsford Boulevard, Kingston 5.

The Jamaica Family Planning Association is anticipating that you will prioritise this event on your calendar, by confirming your attendance or that of an able representative who will be able to articulate your office's position on the issue. At this Meeting it is anticipated that you will contribute to: the discussions about the establishment and sustainability of the National Working Group; the review of and discussion about the Youth Declaration on HIV Prevention and; recording and reporting critical information about the HIV Prevention Advocacy Project and the situation of HIV Prevention for young people.

Advocacy meetings aimed at advancing discussions about HIV Prevention commenced in August 2008, and we are using this event to mobilise stakeholders already contacted for advocacy and others who are critical to the improvement of HIV Prevention services nationally. To date, the commitments that we have received through our advocacy meetings have demonstrated that there are significant opportunities to be harnessed if we collaborate and respond to the problems as a unified team. We are conscious that a number of HIV Prevention initiatives already exist, and look for you to share your experiences, practices, and strategies, as well as to come prepared to learn about the challenges and needs of the young people across Jamaica.

We welcome further dialogue with you on this issue and therefore anticipate that you will accept our invitation. Kindly take along with you publications and materials from your organisation on HIV/AIDS for display our Resources Table. Please confirm your attendance by Tuesday, September 30, 2008 by 4:00 p.m. by contacting me via telephone at: 450-0580 or 949-0335; or via email at: eloraconsulting@yahoo.com.

Sincerely yours,

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