**Inclusion in the Wisconsin Biennial Budget**

Dear **[Decision Maker]**,

Please prioritize Raise the Age in this year’s Wisconsin State Budget.

As your constituent, I am asking that you include provisions and appropriate funding in the Wisconsin State Budget to raise the age of juvenile jurisdiction to include 17-year-olds. Currently, we are one of four states that still automatically treats 17-year-olds as adults, which leads to higher recidivism rates, higher government spending, higher racial disparities, and worse outcomes for our state’s young people.

 **[Insert why raising the age is important to you. For more information and talking points, visit https://raisetheagewi.org/why-raise-the-age.]**

For these reasons, please support and prioritize Raise the Age provisions in this year’s Wisconsin State Budget.

This year, you have an opportunity to extend juvenile jurisdiction through the budget process. Thank you for considering the prioritization of Raise the Age provisions in this year’s biennial budget, which would make Wisconsin a more just and equitable place to live.

Thank you,

**[Your Name]**

**[Your Email Address]**

**[Your Phone Number - Optional]**

**Prioritizing Raise the Age in this Year’s Legislative Session**

Dear **[Decision Maker],**

As your constituent, I am asking that you please prioritize raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction in this year’s legislative session to bring 17-year-olds back to their rightful place in the juvenile court system. Currently, we are one of four states that still automatically treats 17-year-olds as adults, which leads to lower public safety, higher government spending, higher racial disparities in our justice system, and worse outcomes for our state’s young people.

**[Insert why raising the age is important to you. For more information and talking points, visit https://raisetheagewi.org/why-raise-the-age.]**

For these reasons, please support and pass Raise the Age Legislation during this year’s legislative session. Thank you for considering your support for Raise the Age legislation, which would make Wisconsin a more just and equitable place to live.

Thank you,

**[Your Name]**

**[Your Email Address]**

**[Your Phone Number - Optional]**