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Greetings!

I am writing to inform you of a unique and exciting opportunity to engage young writers and artists in a conversation about the impact of drug policies on their families and communities.

The American Civil Liberties Union, Break the Chains: Communities of Color and the War on Drugs and the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law are hosting *Caught in the Net: the Impact of Drug Policies on Women & Families* on March 17th and 18th at the New York University School of Law in Manhattan. The goal of Caught in the Net is to begin a national dialogue among lawmakers, social services and criminal justice professionals, and advocates on the impact of drug policies on women and their families.

The conference will also feature a youth art exhibition. As an organization committed to nurturing creativity among young people, we are asking for your assistance in identifying artists, ages 12-25, who might be interested in this exhibition. Young people whose works are selected will not only be invited to participate in the conference but they will also have an opportunity to share their submission at a special reception on the evening of March 17th.

We are seeking original poems, essays, short stories, songs, drawings, paintings, photographs and other artwork around the themes of drug abuse, drug policies, and parental or familial incarceration. Please see the following page for detailed information.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that young people's voices are heard in this upcoming conference. Please feel free to contact me with any questions: 212.364.5387. For more information on the *Caught in the Net* conference, please visit www.fairlaws4families.org.

Peace,

Stephanie Etienne

**Caught in the Net: the Impact of Drug Policies on Women & Families
Youth Art Exhibition**

Name: _____

Age: _____ School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Please provide a brief description of your submission:

I hereby give The American Civil Liberties Union, Break the Chains: Communities of Color and the War on Drugs and the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law permission to reproduce my artwork for activities related to the *Caught in the Net* conference.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Parental consent is required for participants under 18.

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail or deliver your submission along with this form by March 9th to:

**Break the Chains: Communities of Color and War on Drugs
Attn: Stephanie Etienne /Youth Art Exhibition
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