

## **Youth Action Michigan**

My name is Christopher Square and I was a victim of the school to prison pipeline. One day I was caught in a public school with a gun but with no intentions to harm anyone. The police were called and I was sent straight to juvenile detention without letting me explain anything. Now I am expelled from all public schools. I feel that my situation could have been handle in many ways. I think that with situations like mine, a second chance should have been provided like a school probation period. School is about bettering your future. How can students better their future when they are expelled from school? We need you to support these changes so that when students are in trouble they have support instead of taking away our education and neglecting our needs.

Thank you for letting me speak today.

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