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Dear Robert J.,

At the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America National Leadership Forum last month, you heard that President Bush plans to cut drug prevention programs. I want to repeat what I said at the conference: I will continue to look for ways to put the money back into the budget.

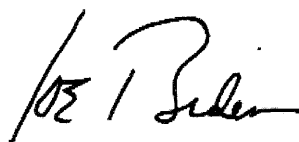
Part of the vision behind the Drug Free Communities Act that Senator Grassley and I authored in 1997 was to fund a network of people in the community who could support and empower parents to keep their kids off of drugs. It is working: you are a big factor why drug use is down 19 percent among youth.

The last thing we should be doing is changing course. Yet, the President proposed cutting prevention programs by \$380 million and assistance to state and local law enforcement by more than \$1 billion. What you do can only continue to work if you have backup -- if there are strong prevention programs in schools, good anti-drug ads on TV, and enough cops on the beat to help keep drugs off of the street.

Our children face many negative temptations. Parents who are trying to help their children need your encouragement, training, and support. Whether it's a brown bag luncheon to teach parents how to talk to their kids about drugs, or education programs for parents nervous about their child drinking, your efforts are important.

You can count on me to fight to restore federal funding for these programs in the next months and years.

Sincerely,



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