

ACTION ALERT

From WASAVP

The Washington Association for Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention

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The Action Alert below is borrowed from the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. It seems we need to make our voice louder if we want to retain the State Grants Portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Funding. To learn more about how this funding is effective across Washington click [here](#) for background information as well as a sample letter.

Please take action now by clicking [here](#), even if you already have. THANK YOU!

“NEW URGENT ALERT: SDFSC PROGRAM ELIMINATED!”

State Grants Portion of SDFSC Program Eliminated by House Labor, HHS and Education Subcommittee

July 10, 2009

BACKGROUND

The House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee marked up its version of the FY 2010 Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations bill today and voted to eliminate the State Grants portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities program.

The bill calling for the elimination of this program still has to be approved by the Full House Appropriations Committee and on the House floor. In addition, the Senate has not yet considered the bill, so the fight to restore funds to this program is far from over.

If we hope to keep the option of restoring funds alive, however, it is critical that we **flood Capitol Hill with faxes to let them know that this recommendation cannot stand. Even if you responded to the previous alert, it is imperative that you respond to this one as well.** and distribute it to your networks so that Congress hears from as many people as possible.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Using CADCA's CapWiz system, fax the members of your congressional delegation **IMMEDIATELY**. Even if you do not know the name of your member of Congress our system can find it. **YOUR FAX IS CRITICAL!** Congress must hear from the field en masse if we hope to see the funds restored to this program.

After you have responded to this alert, **send it to everyone else in your network.**

TIMING

Fax the members of your congressional delegation **immediately**. CADCA will continue to monitor the SDFSC program as the appropriations process moves forward and will alert you when further action must be taken.

CADCA's fax system allows you to automatically fax CADCA's sample letter on this issue to your legislators from CADCA's website. To send faxes to your legislators, go to <http://capwiz.com/cadca/home/>.

If you would like to personalize your letter with examples from your community, please email dkurosky@cadca.org for a MS Word version of the sample letter.”