

ACTION ALERT

From WASAVP

The Washington Association for Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention

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The Action Alert below is again borrowed from the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA). It seems we need to **again** make our voice **even 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.

Please take action now by clicking calling members of your congressional delegation at 212-224-3121 and telling them the bullets below, even if you already have. **THANK YOU!**

Yesterday the Senate Labor, HHS and Education Subcommittee on Appropriations voted to eliminate the State Grants portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) program. The Full Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled vote on the bill tomorrow.

Please call your Senators TODAY. You can reach them by calling the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and asking for your member's office. (If you don't know who your Senators are, you can find out by going to <http://capwiz.com/cadca/home/> and entering your zip code.)

When connected, please deliver the following message:

- I understand that the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee on Appropriations voted to eliminate the State Grants portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools program
- This is a huge problem and a gigantic mistake because is will decimate the substance abuse and violence prevention infrastructure that is currently in place in our state
- This is a major problem, especially since data from the most recent Monitoring the Future survey is already showing that attitudes are softening, and that more 10th graders are smoking marijuana than cigarettes
- If the State Grants portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools program is eliminated students in grades K-12 will not receive the messages and effective programming to counter emerging and embedded drug trends as well as bullying and violence prevention issues
- Please tell your boss to tell Senator Inouye that the funding for the State Grants portion of Safe and Drug Free Schools program be restored