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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

April 21, 1988

Ms. Rosetta H. Sadler  
225 Covington, #410  
Detroit, MI 48203

Dear Ms. Sadler:

Thank you very much for your recent correspondence concerning America's drug problem.

This is indeed one of the most serious problems we face. We are losing a whole generation to drugs.

The problem, however, is not that people in South American countries and drug dealers in our own nation can quickly become rich through drug dealing. While I certainly support trying to stop drugs from crossing our borders and trying to arrest and stop drug dealers, neither of these measures will be successful as long as people seek to take drugs. Just as in Prohibition, people who want drugs will find a way to get or manufacture them. The secret, therefore, to stopping the drug trade is to stop the demand for drugs.

Some of this demand can be stopped through educating young people about the dangers of drugs. This method is particularly effective with middle-class teenagers who are willing to forego experimenting when they know how serious the consequences are. The issues are different, however, for poor children. These children don't see a future for themselves, so telling them drugs will ruin their future doesn't mean anything to them. We ALL must work to create a reality where every child has a realistic opportunity to fully participate in and succeed in the larger society, and is helped to achieve this potential. The wonderful thing about this effort is that everyone can get involved and have a significant impact. All it takes is becoming a "big sister" or "big brother" to an underprivileged child, and helping them build a sense of self-worth and accomplishment.

I thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

  
Geo. W. Crockett, Jr.  
Member of Congress

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April 15, 1988

Representative Gus W. Crockett Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Sir:

I have seen your people in my state  
Michigan become drudge slaves.  
Some of <sup>them</sup> have lost control of their  
lives. Because they started using  
drudges.

If we stand by and do nothing to stop  
the south Americans from using our <sup>country</sup>  
to make big money selling drudges, we  
will lose <sup>all</sup> of our families. I am concerned  
because I have a family. I have two  
grandchildren, one is five years, the  
other one is one year old. I also have friends,  
sisters, and friends who have children.  
I also care about all American children.

We must do something to protect all  
children. Can you help us? Please do.

Sincerely, Rosetta H. Sadler