

April 29, 2008

The Honorable Dan Burton  
Oversight and Government Reform  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Burton,

On behalf of Concerned Women for America's over 500, 000 members, I would like to thank you for attending last week's hearing on the abstinence education in the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

As the only witness on the second panel to illuminate the benefits of abstinence education, Dr. Stan Weed successfully demonstrated that abstinence education programs cut the rate of sexual initiation among students almost in half and that gender and race did not affect the outcome. Even though Dr. Weed was outnumbered six to one, you effectively highlighted the critical elements of his testimony and exposed the misleading arguments of the other witnesses. This hearing provided significant reasons why abstinence education needs to receive federal funds.

Although some Representatives are resolved to undermine abstinence education and support comprehensive sex education exclusively, we are reinvigorated in our confidence that you will continue to support programs that encourage youths to make the healthiest decisions.

Abstinence education protects them from pregnancy, STDs, other risk behaviors and emotional entanglements that adolescents are too young to handle. Thank you for your commitment to abstinence education which would otherwise fall victim to political correctness.

Please know that the staff of Concerned Women for America appreciates your dedication, as do our members across this great nation. We look forward to working with you in the 110th Congress as we endeavor to protect children, strengthen families and promote moral policies in America.

Sincerely,

Wendy Wright  
President  
Concerned Women for America