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The Honorable C. Everett Koop, M.D.
Surgeon General
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20201

Dear General Koop:

Thank you very much for the advanced information on your statement "Health Risks Associated with Marijuana." I want to personally thank you for taking this responsible stand against a growing body of folklore promoting marijuana as a "mellow turn-on without risks or consequences". The Attorney General will be able to integrate your strong positive stand and mobilize his efforts in crop eradication and criminal prosecutions for marijuana cultivation.

The National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth have requested that I send you a copy of Dr. Gabriel G. Nahas', M.D., Ph.D., letter to the Editor of The New York Times entitled "Institute of Medicine Report on Cannabis: a balancing act." I hope this information is of some use and benefit to you. Again, a responsible and strong statement from the Surgeon General will be of tremendous assistance to drug enforcement agents, high school teachers, principals, and parents in their effort to convince children of the harmful effects of marijuana.

Sincerely,

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the Attorney General

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