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ACTION PLAN

Our nation is sick and the time to find a cure is running out -- the rampant use of drugs in this country is destroying the foundation of our society. Drugs are tearing apart America's families, and ruining the lives of our nation's children.

The facts speak for themselves:

- . Nearly 1 in 8 -- or a shocking 28 million Americans have used illegal drugs in the last 30 days.
- . Americans spend \$120 billion a year on illegal drugs.
- . A new cheap form of crack is so potent that a "casual" user can be hooked on it for life with the first \$5.00 dose.
- . Over 50% of all crime is drug related. More than 1,250,000 cars are stolen annually and the chances of the average household being victimized by crime in the next 12 months is one in four.

Illegal drugs affect every segment of our society. Abuse drives up health insurance premiums and costs employers tens of billions of dollars in lost worker productivity. Cities have been forced to raise taxes for expanded law enforcement, and individuals have seen increased costs for home, auto and medical insurance.

Due to the logjam in our courts the great majority of drug trafficking cases never go to trial. And because of overcrowded prisons, 73% of all convicted drug dealers serve no time at all and those that do average only 16 months.

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There is a virtual revolving door in our judicial system that puts these criminals back on the street, often within hours of their arrest, to continue poisoning our communities.

Tens of thousands of drug criminals go free every month because there is literally no place to put them. Pushers distribute their wares with impunity, knowing that the financial rewards far outweigh the risks. To many, getting "busted" is little more than an occupational hazard.

The size of this crisis has overwhelmed our nation. In spite of the billions of dollars spent on drug interdiction each year, the supply is still growing.

Prevention and education, while enormously important, still do not dissuade tens of millions of Americans from using illegal drugs. Present methods of treatment and rehabilitation are extremely expensive and at best produce only modest results.

We must not allow this terrible social cancer to continue to decimate our society. Its staggering human and economic costs sorely test already overburdened state and federal budgets. It is time for individual Americans to join together to find new, more effective ways to fight the war on drugs.

PURPOSE AND GOALS

"Citizens For A Drug Free America" (CDFA), has been organized to serve as the catalyst for mobilizing Americans in a determined effort to win the war on drugs. Our goal is to achieve a virtually drug free America within ten years -- with a minimum 25% reduction in illegal drug use by the end of 1991 and a 50% reduction by the end of 1993. Our goals are as ambitious as the problem is severe.

Success will require a better informed and motivated citizenry with a commitment to get involved. We must dedicate a much greater measure of our national resources -- both public and private, to the struggle against illegal drugs. CDFa proposes a nationwide, grassroots citizens war on drugs.

Roger Chapin is the guiding force behind CDFa. A former real estate developer from San Diego, California, Chapin has spent the last 20 years working with citizens involved with worthwhile humanitarian causes.

In 1967, Chapin founded the Vietnam Gift PAC. During that time he raised \$3,000,000 from over 200,000 individuals to send personal care items such as toothbrushes and first-aid cream to our front-line troops in Vietnam.

As the war wound down, Chapin turned his energies to assisting wounded veterans and formed "Help Hospitalized Veterans." Since

1971 this non-profit organization has distributed free of charge, 9,000,000 arts and crafts kits, worth over \$50,000,000, to patients in more than 250 VA and military hospitals nationwide. The kits aid the veterans in their physical and psychological recovery.

In early 1988, after spending many years studying the drug problem in America, Chapin, with his wife Elizabeth, moved his headquarters to the Washington, D.C. area to devote himself full-time to the war against illegal drugs. Roger is the founder and president of CDFA.

CDFA's top short-term priority is to protect America's youth from the devastating effects of drugs. The single best way to accomplish this is to cut the availability of drugs to our children by getting the pushers off the streets and behind bars.

Therefore, CDFA is working with members of Congress to craft special legislation, "The 1989 War On Drugs Act." The following is an overview of CDFA's proposed legislation:

1. Regional Federal Work-Rehabilitation Prisons (WRP's)

Because our nation's prisons are so terribly overcrowded, the law would set up special regional federal tent prisons. Located on active or inactive military bases, the prisons would be administered by a congressionally chartered, independent authority, and overseen by a blue ribbon board of citizens. The inmates would build their own barracks. Per diem charges assessed to the prisoners' home states would cover the amortized construction costs and operational expenses.

To make this program as self-sufficient as possible, inmates would produce goods for market at competitive prices. CDFA envisions a partnership with manufacturing concerns to oversee the production facilities as subsidiaries or branches of their own operations. These would be carefully chosen not to compete with existing American industry.

An essential component of this proposal would be the opportunity for the inmates to accrue credits through their production of goods entitling them -- upon their release with good behavior -- to a limited monthly stipend. Payments would be conditioned on staying out of trouble, the prospects of which would be greatly enhanced by the monthly stipend. The production program would be an important part of a coordinated rehabilitation effort, teaching inmates the work ethic and enabling them to acquire job skills.

2. Breaking the Criminal Justice Logjam: Hundreds of thousands of drug-related criminals defeat the system through plea bargaining, probation, divisionary programs, etc. CDFA proposes a federal assistance program to localities to help them expand

their judicial systems and jails to put the drug dealers out of business.

3. Tougher Sentencing: Convicted illegal drug manufacturers, importers, wholesalers, crack house operators, third offense drug pushers, and anyone in possession of one-half pound or more of any illegal drug would be given a life sentence.
4. The Introduction of the "dual sentencing" concept: First-time convicted drug pushers would get a 10-year sentence, reduced to five years for: good behavior; remaining drug free; passing an educational competency test; and participating in a rehabilitative, work program while in prison.

State & Local Activities

In addition to our proposed "War On Drugs Act," CDFFA will formulate, and campaign for adoption of tough, model state legislation designed to bring uniformity and consistency to the administration of the criminal justice system, as it applies to drug-related crime.

CDFFA will encourage provisions requiring tougher sentencing, asset forfeiture, denial of bail, the phasing out of plea bargaining, and stricter parole rules. Our state legislative proposals will include:

1. Stiff fines and mandatory assignment to rehabilitation programs: Subject to stiff fines, all illegal drug users would be assigned to rehabilitation programs to break their drug habits. Participation would be paid for by the user through community service, garnisheed wages or other means.
2. Implementation of effective drug prevention programs in all schools: Because less than 20% of our schools have such programs, CDFFA believes that state legislatures should require our nation's children to learn the hazards of drug use from an early age. As a part of the drug prevention program, CDFFA advocates mandatory, random testing in junior and senior high schools.
3. Mandatory random testing in the workplace: For the benefit of both illegal drug users and the rest of our society alike, it is vital that we develop the means to identify and appropriately deal with as many users as possible and direct them to drug dependency therapy groups.

Special Activities & Projects

At the foundation of each CDFFA program is the "zero-tolerance" attitude towards drugs. To ensure that this attitude is the norm throughout our society, and particularly in the workplace and our schools, CDFFA will undertake a number of special activities and projects:

1. "Kits for Drug Free Kids": A "person to person" program to provide children with specially developed materials that encourage a positive, healthy lifestyle with emphasis on exercise, a good diet, strong moral values and a sense of self-worth.

The program will be targeted initially to fourth graders and will include modules for coordinated classroom activities.
2. "Operation Open Door": A program to keep school doors open until 6:00 p.m., so "latch-key" kids aren't left to fend for themselves and risk the dangers of drug pushers and the drug sub-culture.
3. "1-800-TIPSTER": A national program in coordination with a major law enforcement organization to refer qualified citizen leads on drug traffickers to local law enforcement authorities.
4. "The CDFA National Advisory Council": Will help formulate a more complete national game plan for achieving a drug free America. A special effort will be aimed at uniting leaders from corporate America to develop a plan for a drug free workplace. This could include experimental, corporate operated in-residency work/rehabilitation centers for users.
5. "Citizens' War on Drugs": We will call on millions of Americans to enlist in our "Citizens' War on Drugs." A national grass-roots lobbying campaign will be organized to contact elected representatives from the courthouse to the White House via phone calls, cards and letters, petitions, etc.
6. "Citizens' War on Drugs Television Convention": To further assist in our grassroots organization, CDFA will organize a national "Citizens' War on Drugs Television Convention". Pre-registered, "at home" national delegates will vote on various components of our proposed legislation by calling 900 numbers during the televised convention. Vote tallies and phone-in survey results from every state and congressional district will be presented to Congress and state legislatures.

In addition to some 25,000,000 mailings scheduled for 1989, we're planning media tours, press conferences, talk show appearances, a speakers bureau, a film for cable TV, special celebrity fund raising events, a possible telethon and an array of other activities to further this important cause.

A growing list of celebrities have signed up as friends of **Citizens For A Drug Free America**, including Lloyd Bridges, Tom Selleck, Bill Cosby, Jerry Lewis, Katherine Hepburn, Lucille Ball, Mario Andretti, Glenn Ford, Henry Mancini, Andy Williams and many others.

Companies across America will be urged to participate in our highly innovative, cause-related marketing programs. Consumers will also be urged to collect "Drug Free America" tokens and other proofs of purchase, which will enable CDFA to receive contributions from participating companies. PTA's, churches, clubs and businesses can assist in this promotion.

We Need Your Help

Citizens For A Drug Free America believes the key to success is in the personal commitment and sustained support of millions of our nation's citizens. Each of us, as well as every company, school, church, union -- indeed, every organization in America -- has a vital stake in helping to build a drug free society. No one can afford to remain on the sidelines.

Our most important effort in the short term will be directed at breaking up the illegal drug distribution system -- both by putting the traffickers and pushers out of circulation and assessing stiff penalties on users to cut demand. At the same time, we intend to pursue an aggressive prevention strategy aimed at schools and the workplace.

There is no way our nation can effectively combat drugs until the necessary legislation is in place. With that legislation and its quick implementation, we can produce early results and dramatically scale down the dimensions of the drug problem.

America cannot afford to lose the war on drugs. To win it will require not only committed leadership at every level of government, but an awakened, informed and involved citizenry. Americans must adopt a tough "zero tolerance" attitude towards illegal drugs, and send a clear message to our elected representatives that we demand strong action and that we are willing to pay the price to win the war on drugs.

The time has come to get tough with the drug kingpins, dealers and schoolyard pushers who are polluting our nation. We urge you to join CDFA and fight for a drug free America. No other organization in America today has dedicated itself to an all-out, across-the-board effort to win the war on drugs.