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Mr. Douglas Wain
Executive Director
Win the War! Against Violence
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Dear Mr. Wain:

Thank you for your recent meeting with ONDCP to discuss your initiatives addressing youth violence prevention.

The Office of National Drug Control Policy cares deeply about the health and safety of our Nation's young people, which is why we are so committed to preventing substance abuse among youth, intervening early when substance use becomes a problem, and supporting young people in their recovery from substance use disorders. Recent research shows that substance use can increase the likelihood of violent behavior among youth with severe mental illnesses, and this is only one of the reasons why addressing substance use and violence among youth is so important.

Your "America's Youth Violence Prevention Challenge," which calls on young people to voluntarily commit to a violence-free lifestyle, is certainly an objective worth pursuing, and I wish you the best of luck in your work.

I commend you and your organization for your dedication to reducing violent behavior among young people, and I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin B. Tucker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Benjamin B. Tucker
Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs