

**Sander Levin**  
U.S. House of Representatives  
9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Michigan

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Dear Community Leader,

It is alarming to see the recent spike in abuse of prescription drugs, alcohol, and particularly marijuana by our students. For example, according to the 2013 Monitoring the Future Survey, marijuana use by high school students increased again last year, continuing a troubling decade-long upward trend.

I urge you to take action and join me on **Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at an important conference dedicated to strengthening the efforts of local community anti-drug coalitions.

This conference is for anyone concerned with keeping our youth safe from the dangers of drugs and alcohol. It doesn't matter whether you are unfamiliar with community anti-drug coalitions, or if you are heavily involved with your home town coalition already. I would also encourage you to help us invite your friends and other community members to attend.

The keynote speaker is Ben Tucker, the Deputy Director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). In his position, Mr. Tucker oversees the Drug-Free Communities program, National Youth-Anti-Drug Media Campaign, and Counter-Drug Technology Assessment Center. We will also be joined by General Arthur Dean, CEO of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) and expert trainers from CADCA and other coalitions.

**The conference is Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:30am – 3:30pm** at Macomb Community College South Campus, K Building, 14500 12 Mile Road, Warren (map included).

In the morning we will have the keynote speaker and general session for all participants. Then we will break out into groups for targeted workshops. Lunch will be provided and we'll take the opportunity for each community to network amongst themselves about issues and activities. For the remainder of the afternoon we will resume the training workshops. We hope you will be able to stay for the whole day, but please consider attending for as long as your schedule permits.

RSVP by calling my district office at (586) 498-7122 or emailing [keith.nelson@mail.house.gov](mailto:keith.nelson@mail.house.gov).

I look forward to seeing you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincerely,



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