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To:

Donald J. Lee Jr.

Chief of Police

Key West Police Department 1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd.

Re: Request for financial assistance from State Forfeiture Fund for to the Monroe

County Coalition

Project Title: Monroe County Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free Community

Chief Lee

Since its inception, The Monroe County Coalition Inc., a not for profit 501 (C) (3), and the Key West Police Department have mutually benefited from a shared goal of preventing underage drinking and keeping our kids safe. In partnership with law enforcement, other sector partners and community stake holders, over the past four years our multi strategy outcomes include a reduction of both 30 day use and binge drinking by 10% amongst our targeted high school youth. Law enforcement's increased DUI patrols have reflected a 50% decrease of alcohol related crashes amongst 18-20 year olds. Additional outcomes include an overall reduction in alcohol related crashes of all ages. MCC's collaboration with Monroe County Schools has successfully increased school policies which now include alcohol and drug testing and increasing high visibility law enforcement at Key West High School, has resulted in a reduction of alcohol and drug incidents at school events and dances. Throughout this process, MCC and its partner organizations have established a strong systematic approach to understanding and responding to substance abuse issues. While these efforts have resulted in these reductions, the 2012 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey reflects Monroe County still leads the state in underage substance abuse.

The Monroe County Coalition has been successful in obtaining both federal and state grants to continue these efforts. However, these funds are very restrictive and shrinking in the current economy. At this point in time the coalition has no other funds except through these specific grants. We are now in dire need of additional discretionary funds for; operating expenditures, professional services, replacement and repair of failing LT equipment (some of which were donated) as well as providing additional prevention of underage drinking programs and services not covered by our current grants. I therefore humbly make this request for \$10,000 from the state forfeiture funds awarded at you discretion annually

Sincerely Yours

Executive Director

Monroe County Coalition

Table 3. Percentages of Monroe County youth and Florida Statewide youth who reported having used various drugs in the past 30 days, 2012

Note: The first 16 data now show results for alcohol, eigeneties, and other drugs. The last five data rows show results for various combinations of drugs. Binge drinking is defined as having had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row in the past two weeks. Ecstasy, Robymol, OHB and ketamine are provided as examples in the question about club drugs. The symbol "--" indicates that data are not
