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March 28, 1973

Governor Reubin Askew  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Governor:

Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for the opportunity you gave me to present the Drug Program of The Seed and my experience with it. Incidentally, very fortunately, for which I am very deeply grateful, neither of my sons have ever had any problems in the drug abuse area and neither I nor any of my family have ever had any children in The Seed program, so I am not one of the very "rabid" parents of "Seedlings".

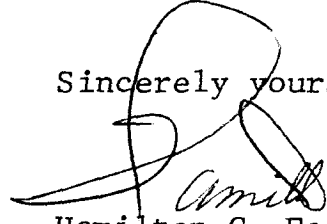
Since my return, I have run into an additional problem on The Seed which gives me some urgency. The Dade County Drug Abuse Committee is composed of enemies of Art Baker and they have been delaying the issuance of his license. This is a very critical thing right now as Paul Rogers has made arrangements for us to secure a grant of \$750,000 for Dade County as well as other funding to follow for Pinellas and Palm Beach Counties. The grant cannot be filed until the licenses are issued. Mr. Barker applied for a license back in 1972 which should have been granted then. It is now almost April and they have still been delaying.

I took the liberty of calling Emmett Roberts when I discovered this state of affairs and hopefully the license will be issued without further delay. It would certainly seem to me that once a drug program has been licensed by the State of Florida in one area or catchment basin, the following licensure should be handled on a State level and automatically.

If you have any additional questions or I can be of service in any way during the investigation of the merits of The Seed program, please call on me.

Doris and I will be looking forward to being with you and Donna Lou on the 16th of April.

Sincerely yours,



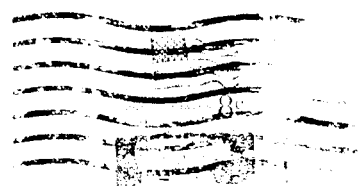
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The Capitol  
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## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

DATE: April 5, 1973

TO: Mrs. Margaret Miller, HRS

FROM: David R. Beecher

SUBJECT: "The Seed" Program - Drug Abuse

SOURCE: Letter from Hamilton C. Forman

PLEASE

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REMARKS: mp

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

DATE: 4-6-73

TO: Marilyn Patterson

FROM: Mrs. Margaret E. Miller  
Executive Assistant

SUBJECT:

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- ☐ Prepare reply for Mr. Roberts' signature
  - ☐ Please handle appropriately
  - ☐ For your information

Comments:

The attached letter really requires no answer. Because of the personal references, particularly in the last paragraph, we are returning this, as you may wish to send it in to Mrs. Allen.

*Seed Program*

March 30, 1973

Ms. Marian Siegel  
Executive Director  
Here's Belt, Inc.  
15950 Northwest Seventh Avenue  
Miami, Florida

Dear Ms. Siegel:

Thank you for your telegram. Let me assure you it is not my intention to provide preferential treatment in the application of the rules and regulations of the Drug Abuse Program. In fact, I am in the process of appointing a task force to examine both the State's standards and procedures for the issuance of licenses for drug abuse treatment programs. They are to advise me whether these standards and procedures are sound and reasonable and, if not, make specific recommendations for changes.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Governor

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

DATE: 3/28/73

TO: Mr. Dave Becker

FROM: Mrs. Margaret E. Miller  
Executive Assistant

SUBJECT:

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- ☐ Prepare reply for Mr. Roberts' signature
  - ☐ Please handle appropriately
  - ☐ For your information

Comments:

In view of the Governor's Meeting  
With Representative Baumgartner  
and the outcome of it, can  
you please determine how  
this should be answered, and  
handle it for us back to  
Mr. Apthorp's Office.

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## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

DATE: March 27, 1973  
TO: Dept. of HRS  
FROM: Jim Apthorp  
SUBJECT: Rep. Bumgartner's drug program  
SOURCE: Telegram from Marian Siegel, Executive Director of Here's Helt,  
Inc., Miami, Florida  
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*1244PM*  
*3-27-73*  
*Apthorp*

WE UNDERSTAND THAT REPRESENTATIVE BAUMGARTNER IS APPEARING BEFORE YOU TO DISCUSS A SPECIFIC DRUG PROGRAM SINCE ALL PROGRAMS IN DADE COUNTY ARE REQUIRED TO ABIDE BY THE SAME RULES AND REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THEIR LICENSE WE FEEL THAT NO PROGRAM SHOULD BE SINGLED OUT FOR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT WITHOUT ADHERING TO THE SAME RULES AND REGULATIONS WE ARE ALL PERFORMING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS COMMUNITY AND IT WOULD BE TO THE DISCREDIT TO EXISTING LICENSE PROGRAM IF ONE SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT THANK YOU

MARIAN SIEGEL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HERE'S MELT INC

15-1201 (10-69)

*cc - Gov Askew*  
*M. Hair*

WU 1270 (R 5-69)

April 20, 1973

Mrs. Janet Knox Field  
741 San Bruno  
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Mrs. Field:

*mit*  
Thank you for your letter supporting the Dade County Seed Program. Let me assure you I am deeply concerned with adolescents and drug abuse. In fact, I am appointing a task force to examine both the State's standards and procedures for the issuance of licenses for drug abuse treatment programs. They are to advise me whether these standards and procedures are sound and reasonable and, if not, make specific recommendations for changes.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Governor

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*Please use  
printed stationery*

Beecher

771 San Bruno  
Coral Gables, Fla.  
Apr. 14, 1973

The Hon. Reuben Askew  
Governor of the State of Fla.  
cap of the Capitol  
Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Governor Askew:

I have had occasion to observe  
the fine work accomplished by  
deed in south Florida. In my  
opinion it is the best program  
available.

I therefore, urge that you give  
your support to the licensing of  
this organization.

Very truly yours,  
Joan Knox Field  
(Mrs. W. R. Field)



Mrs. W. R. Field  
771 San Bruno  
Coral Gables, Fla.  
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Mr. Reuben Askew  
Governor of the State of Florida  
cap of the Capitol  
Tallahassee Fla 32304

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741 San Bruno  
Coral Gables, Fla.  
Apr. 14, 1973

The Hon. Leoben Ashburn  
Governor of the State of Fla.  
cap of the Capitol  
Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Governor Ashburn:

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the fine work accomplished by  
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opinion it is the best program  
available

I therefore urge that you give  
your support to the licensing of  
this organization.

Very truly yours,  
J. Knox Field  
(Mrs. H. K. Field)



741 N.R. Hall  
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Mr. Leoben Ashburn  
Governor of the State of Florida  
cap of the Capitol  
Tallahassee, Fla. 32324

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April 20, 1973

Mrs. Janet F. Riley  
7301 South West 48 Court - *Leatherton*  
Miami, Florida 33143

Dear Mrs. Riley:

*print*  
Thank you for your letter supporting the Dade County Seed Program. Let me assure you I am deeply concerned with adolescents and drug abuse. In fact, I am appointing a task force to examine both the State's standards and procedures for the issuance of licenses for drug abuse treatment programs. They are to advise me whether these standards and procedures are sound and reasonable and, if not, make specific recommendations for changes.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Governor

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April 13, 1973

Governor Reubin O. Askew,  
% The Capital  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Governor Askew:

I would very much  
appreciate your support of  
the Wade County Med. & Health  
Planning Council of

Mrs. Howard W. Riley  
7301 S.W. 48th Ct.  
Miami, Florida 33143



any case.

The mother and father  
with kids on the Seed program  
can truthfully say what a  
great job and what a  
successful job the Seed is  
doing.

Please help us **SAVE THE  
SEED!** Sincerely, Janet F. Riley  
7301 S.W. 48 Ct.  
Miami, Fla.  
33143

Dade County<sup>2</sup> is trying to  
block the licensing of  
the Seed - it requires a  
State license though and  
therefore your help is  
requested -

I am also writing to  
you because I remember  
your campaign centering  
around the adolescence



April 24, 1973

N. R. Field, Esquire  
Attorney at Law  
DuPont Building  
Miami, Florida 33131

Dear Mr. Field:

Thank you for your letter supporting the Dade County Seed Program. Please be assured I am deeply concerned with adolescents and drug abuse. In fact, I am appointing a task force to examine the State's standards and procedures for the issuance of licenses for drug abuse treatment programs. They are to advise me whether these standards and procedures are sound and reasonable and, if not, make specific recommendations for changes.

Sincerely,

Governor

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The Honorable Reuben Askew  
Governor of the State of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Governor Askew:

I am writing this letter to say that I am fully familiar with the fine work which has been accomplished in South Dade, Florida, by the Program known as the "SEED".

I realize that there has been some controversy concerning this Program but I want to assure you that I have had opportunity to closely observe the Program, and know that it is one of the finest Programs of its kind in Dade County or South Florida. Their degree of success in rehabilitating children is

I trust that you will lend your support to the licensing of the SEED Program in Dade County, Florida, or in any other County in the State where they may desire to carry out the Program.

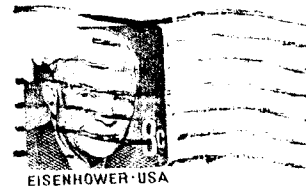
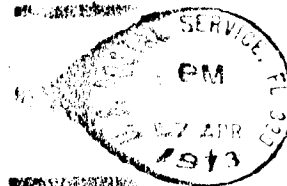
With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

*N. R. Field*

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The Honorable Reuben Askew  
Governor of the State of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

June 1, 1973

Raymond R. Killinger, M.D.  
Lauderdale Psychiatric Group, P.A.  
4701 North Federal Highway  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

Dear Dr. Killinger:

Thank you for sharing with me your insights and concerns regarding drug abuse problems among adolescents and the Seed Program.

On May 18, 1973, I appointed a statewide Drug Abuse Advisory Council to examine thoroughly the State's standards, as well as the licensing policies and procedures for drug abuse programs. Sheriff Edward J. Stack was appointed chairman for Broward County. This advisory council will advise me whether these standards and licensing policies and procedures are sound and reasonable and if not, make specific recommendations for changes. After such time as the examination is completed, the advisory council members will become involved in the reviewing of actual drug abuse programs in the State of Florida.

Please be assured of my continued interest and genuine concern for the young people of our State.

Sincerely,

Governor

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DAVID E. BURKHEAD, ED.D.  
WILLIAM G. RYAN, PH.D.  
WILLIAM A. LOVE, JR., PH.D.

May 7, 1973

Governor Reuben Askew  
Capitol Building  
Tallahassee, Florida

Re: The Seed

Dear Governor Askew:

I am the former regional chairman, Broward County, for the Division of Health and Rehabilitation Drug Abuse Programs. Sheriff Stack recently replaced me as your regional chairman. He is, and always has been, on top of drug abuse problems and what follows in no way reflects on my respect for him as a knowledgeable citizen and as Sheriff. He and I were the first citizens in Broward County to make an effective dent in the huge drug abuse problem in Broward County in the late sixties.

My regard for the fundamental honesty of your administration prompts what follows. I feel you are a man of principle (i.e. the busing issue) and feel you have, if you are willing to put up with the problems, many more years of increasing responsibility in public affairs. The public will be the winner if you do decide to continue in politics.

Before my status change from regional chairman to "citizen", I attempted to work within the system to correct the many deficiencies that were and are present in the Seed program. I was constantly asked by local citizens and the local papers for my opinions regarding this controversial subject and I kept my personal opinion out of the papers. I was on the phone to Tallahassee repeatedly requesting aid and assistance in clarifying my responsibilities in this regard. I requested and got from the state drug abuse program numberless "investigative" committees including one from the NIMH. In my contacts with the division of H & R, I found them at least to be superficially cooperative in my dilemma. At a very critical juncture, right before all programs must be licensed, I was denied the opportunity to appoint my regional advisory council and thus, the first license for the Seed program was signed by me under protest. I did not have an advisory committee to help me and felt that I was being isolated and, if I wished to be paranoid about it, I could certainly make a case for my being deliberately denied an advisory council at this most critical juncture. Every other region had had advisory councils for some time. We had an unusual problem in Broward County, to be sure, but not so unusual that action could not have been taken to activate an advisory council.

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I wrote a confidential letter to Emmett Roberts, chairman of H & R, and it has become painfully obvious to me that Mr. Barker has a copy of that memo. Prominent local citizens have taken it upon themselves to exert political influence to thwart the intent of these investigations. These interventions by non-professionals were made with all good intentions and have had disastrous consequences. It is not within the nature of a politician to be aware of the subtleties involved in a mental health program and I am certain that no willful malintent was meant by those who have and who are, at present, exerting political pressure to not only continue the Seed program but to have it expanded.

I understand your office is being pressured constantly by legislators. It is unfortunate that this issue has been made into a black/white situation. Inasmuch as it is a black/white situation, I have the following opinion of the Seed program: It is a time bomb ticking away and when it blows, as I certainly feel it must, I wish to be aligned with those who feel that the program does not meet the state guidelines in either the letter or the spirit of the law. As presently constituted, it is unlikely that it will ever attain such a status. (Mr. Barker has belatedly hired a psychiatrist who apparently follows his orders much as do his other employees.)

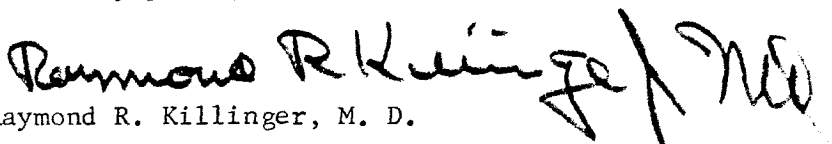
A far more serious matter is the use of 'false imprisonment' as part of his "treatment" program. Recently some migrant camp owners have been indicted on grounds similar to those known to be employed by the Seed in "treating" citizens. I feel that the beginning and the end of this travesty of the mental health program will come from a parent of a child who will wind up appealing a grand jury or to the state attorney's office on the above grounds. Juvenile rights have been recently strengthened (a step I heartily approve) and it seems likely that some of the children, if they know the procedures, might wind up seeking direct recourse via the state attorney's office or a grand jury.

Switching my role from that of professional to that of a free citizen in a free society, I object in the strongest terms to the gestapo training tactics of the Seed. It's the same old story of the end justifying the means. This program has inherently all of the dangers of another McCarthy era. The automatic responses of those people who do graduate from the Seed are, in my opinion, representative of a "cult" and do not represent a rehabilitated citizen.

I have made one public statement (Fort Lauderdale News) since my change of status. Obviously, therefore, I am not indulging in a vendetta against this program. Quite the contrary, in view of the scathing attacks upon all professionals by Mr. Barker, I have been remarkably silent. This may change.

The language in this letter is strong - it is strong to match an unprecedented situation: a demagogue in the role of savior is hurting our children - I can do no less than at least call your attention to my opinion.

Sincerely yours,

  
Raymond R. Killinger, M. D.

CC: Paul Rogers

June 18, 1973

Mr. Robert J. Fournier  
1860 Northwest 24 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33124

Dear Mr. Fournier:

Thank you for sharing with me your insights and concerns regarding drug abuse problems among adolescents and the Seed Program.

On May 18, 1973, I appointed a statewide Drug Abuse Advisory Council to examine thoroughly the State's standards, as well as the licensing policies and procedures for drug abuse programs. Dr. Everett Shockett was appointed regional chairman for Miami. This advisory council will advise me whether these standards and licensing policies and procedures are sound and reasonable and if not, make specific recommendations for changes. After such time as the examination is completed, a select sub-committee will become involved in the reviewing of actual drug abuse programs in the State of Florida.

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With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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1860 NW 24 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33124  
23 May 1973

Governor Reubin Askew  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Governor Askew

In Dade County there is a drug program for youths that might warrant investigation by a State Agency. It is called 'The Seed'.

It is my personal belief that the Seed is accomplishing unknown objectives that its supporters are ignorant of.

I believe that the Seed is psychologically training children to be moderate users of drugs and I also believe that the children are unaware that they are being conditioned into the subtle use of drugs.

I am also suspicious of the counselors (former drug users - not degree accepted individuals) who are performing a job with good faith and good will, but who do not comprehend the full implications of their counseling.

Most of the parents are impressed with the Seed because their children are able to return home and bridge the generation gap. The parents are brainwashed into believing that the kids are free from drugs because of the exterior presentation the children are conditioned to give to their parents.

Points to observe:

1. Children are taught the moderate use of drugs so as not to interfere with their duties (school, part time job, evening meal).
2. Children are taught the principle of honesty, however they soon discover it is easy to tell nine truths and everyone will automatically accept their tenth statement as true.
3. Children are able to brainwash (lie to) parents into believing they are free of drugs because of outward good behavior.



4. Children are taught to 'recite' the Lord's Prayer...  
Let me rephrase this statement.... Children are taught  
to recite meaningless terms to a generalized god. They  
are saying nothing to nothing. I do not believe that the  
children are praying but for the most part they are  
being taught to please their parents with a lot of  
words (prayers).

What I am trying to say is that clergymen, teachers, and parents  
are not teaching children how to pray but that 'someone else' is  
teaching the children to fool clergymen, teachers, parents that  
they are praying when they are not really praying at all.

Please let me not say that the Communist party is in control at  
the seed but us not be so ignorant as to believe that they  
are not.

May I hear from you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J Fournier". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Fournier" clearly legible.

Robert J Fournier

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

DATE: 6/8/73

TO: Mr. Jim Apthorp  
Attention: Sharon Shuford  
FROM: Mrs. Margaret E. Miller  
Executive Assistant

SUBJECT:

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- ☐ Prepare reply for Mr. Roberts' signature
  - ☐ Please handle appropriately
  - ☐ For your information

Comments:

We would like to suggest this be referred to Mr. Dave Beecher. Perhaps he can make some appropriate reply regarding the Governor's plan to have a special committee review rules and regulations and licensing criteria. It also seems appropriate that a copy of this might be useful in any file of materials being compiled for the committee's information.

cb

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

DATE: June 4, 1973

TO: HRS

FROM: Jim Apthorp

SUBJECT: Drug Program--The Seed

SOURCE: Robert J. Fournier, 1860 Northwest 24th Avenue, Miami 33124

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REMARKS:

June 20, 1973

Jeffrey J. Allenewski, Ph.D.  
Clinical Psychologist  
5765 Southwest 57 Terrace  
Miami, Florida 33143

Dear Dr. Allenewski:

Your letter of April 17 has been received and my reply has been delayed pending the decision of the Legislature on a statewide Drug Abuse Advisory Council.

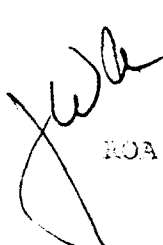
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Please rest assured I share your interest and concern for adolescents and drug abuse, and it is not my intention as Governor to offer preferential judgment in the licensing or application of the rules and regulations of the State's Drug Abuse Program.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Governor

  
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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

DATE: May 9, 1973  
TO: Margaret Miller  
DHRS  
FROM: David Beecher  
SUBJECT: "SEED" Inc., Drug Program  
SOURCE: Mr. Jeffrey J. Elenewski, Ph.d., Miami, Florida  
PLEASE

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REMARKS: Ms. Miller: The delay in answering this and several other letter concerning SEED was in hopes that a Task Force would be appointed by the ~~KM~~ time. Because of the complexity of the situation, it might be best if your office responded to this inquiry. Needless to say, a response should be developed as soon as possible.

lp

*Heckman*

JEFFREY J. ELENESKI, PH.D.  
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST  
5765 S. W. 57TH TERRACE  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33143

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April 17, 1973

Reubin O'D. Askew, Governor  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Mr. Askew:

I am not a politician. I am, however, a concerned citizen and professional serving on the Drug Abuse Task Force, a planning and DATE center licensing advisory board of the Comprehensive Health Planning Council of South Florida. As you know, we have been involved with the consideration of a currently non-licensed program which has been operating in our area for several months. It is called The Seed, Inc.

The Drug Abuse Task Force has worked, over the past year, to build a cooperative, coordinated and integrated system for the delivery of services to the drug involved of our county. We are proud of our efforts in this serious problem area.

Recently, the Drug Abuse Task Force received notification to license The Seed, Inc. a few hours before our scheduled meeting. It is my understanding that this notification came from your office following the request of our Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Tom Adams. I feel that such a request is a shameful attempt at political pressure, and I strongly resent it.

Approximately two weeks ago, I was informed that you personally exerted pressure through Mr. Frank Nelson of the Division of Health and Rehabilitative Services to silence

Mr. Charles Lincoln, our State of Florida Regional Director for the Drug Abuse Program concerning his statements on The Seed, Inc. I am angered and appalled that you, a man who has publically called for vigorous enforcement of our Government in the Sunshine Law and who talks about integrity in government, would do such a thing.

The actions of your office with regard to this issue have caused me to loose faith in the democratic process, of which I felt I was a part. If state licenses can be obtained through political pressure, and the due process of State Law can be circumvented by special interests, I choose no longer to serve on the Drug Abuse Task Force. This has been my first involvement with a government advisory board. I will not do so again if I am to function as window-dressing for special political interests.

If the services of citizen's advisory boards, such as The Drug Abuse Task Force, are useless, I strongly suggest that you abolish the licensing proceedure for drug abuse programs in this state. Control by political favoritism is worse than no control at all.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey J. Elenewski, Ph.D.

JJE/re

cc: Charles Lincoln

June 26, 1973

Mrs. Wildegarda Keefe  
7064 South Shore Drive  
Saint Petersburg, Florida 33707

Dear Mrs. Keefe:

Please accept my apology for the delay in replying to your letter of March 30 concerning your son, Kenny, and your confidence in the work being performed by the Seed Program.

The National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse Report entitled "Marijuana--A Signal of Misunderstanding" published in March 1972 does not advocate legalization of marijuana but emphasizes decriminalization of possession.

Several reputable organizations and physicians have suggested that our criminal penalties regarding marijuana be adjusted in light of the lack of substantial evidence of health hazards. However, while I supported the reduction of first marijuana offenses from felony to misdemeanor, I am not convinced that we have enough scientific knowledge to completely remove any criminal penalties for the use of this drug. I do feel, nonetheless, that our drug laws must be fair and consistent.

Your experience with Kenny reconfirms my reservations regarding the legalization of marijuana, and I hope that he will have a rapid and permanent recovery and return home soon. If our office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Governor

ROA:jlp



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

DATE: April 5, 1973

TO: Mrs. Margaret Miller, HRS

FROM: David R. Beecher

SUBJECT: "The Seed" Program - Drug Abuse

SOURCE: Mrs. Hildegard Keefe

PLEASE

☒ ACKNOWLEDGE, STATING THE GOVERNOR HAS TAKEN UP THIS MATTER WITH YOU

☒ SEND COPY OF YOUR LETTER TO THIS OFFICE

☐ DRAFT REPLY GOVERNOR MIGHT MAKE

☐ FURNISH THIS OFFICE WITH NECESSARY INFORMATION TO RESPOND TO LETTER

☐ FURNISH THIS OFFICE WITH A REPORT ON THE MATTER

☐ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

☐ RETAIN ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE

☐ RETURN ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE

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REMARKS: mp

*Beecher*

March 30, 1973  
7064 So. Shore Drive  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33707

Governor Reubin O'Donovan Askew  
THE CAPITOL BUILDING  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Honorable Sir:

I am writing this letter on the way to Ft. Lauderdale to visit our son at the rehabilitation center - called "The Seed" - founded by Art Barker:

My husband and I are taking this trip (500 miles) twice a week on Monday and Friday - to attend the open meeting. We leave at 2:00 p.m. and arrive back home between 3:30 and 4:00 a.m. in the early morning.

From 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., we sit with hundreds of parents at the "Seed", looking across to hundreds of young people. We do not talk, we just sit and listen as one youngster after another unfolds his or her story of drug involvement. Ages range from 10 to 25 years --- drugs from Marijuana to Heroin.

Then the time comes for the parents to say a few words and when the microphone reaches us, we get up, look at our son, tell him we miss him and love him.

His name is Kenneth H. Keefe - a nice looking boy with light brown hair and blue eyes. On March 18th he was 17 years of age. For 16 years he was a fine upright boy with a good sense of justice and high goals, a loyal friend and loving son --- a good student, a popular boy who was good in school and good at sports.

Shortly after his 16th birthday, he told us that he was smoking marijuana, that he liked the high feeling it gave him and so did his friends. To subdue our protests and horror, he informed us that he saw harm in taking alcohol or tobacco and would not partake in such partying with his friends even if they should do so. Both, he told us, are addictive and habit forming.

But Marijuana - that was a different story!!! No hangover, not addictive and most of all - as he had read - our own Government Commission stated publicly, after much research - (not in the house of families with young teenagers) that Marijuana is a minor drug compared to alcohol and tobacco - and that same Commission recommends legalization of the weed---the same argument was given us by all his friends.

We as his parents from then on, had to watch our one and only son turn from an openminded, honest boy to a boy who had many secrets, who - when he came home - in place of a kiss, would look downward, hurry to his room and lock the door. The Visene bottle was never out of reach. His grades in school dropped from A-B to C-D and on the last report card "F". The F for skipping too many days in school, a fact we were not even aware of. A boy with a 100% attending record was twice suspended for 10 days each time, for leaving school grounds without permission. Dents and scrapes on his and his Father's car became numerous and so were the traffic tickets.

One night he and two of his friends were arrested while smoking Marihuana in our son's car on a deserted strip of marshland. They were smoking out of homemade pipes and one made of glass and half full of cold water. They were all 16 years old - they were handcuffed and brought to the police station. Our son was not charged as his friends had the Marihuana and paraphenelia in the back seat - at the time of apprehension. Lucky???

I don't know how often I have stood in the laundry crying because I had found another shirt or slacks with burnt holes down the front... holes made by burning Marihuana held with a so-called "roach" clip - the end of a so-called joint which gives an even greater and quicker high. Eleven joints were found behind a book, a plastic bag half full of the weed was found under the car seat---another joint in the back pocket of his jeans - were a usual find. For the rest of the family another day of tears, threatening, begging him to stop. He would and could NOT!!

Two weeks before his 17th birthday, we had him picked up by the local police, brought to the police station and then to the Juvenile Detention Center, to obtain a court order to have him ordered to the fulltime Seed Program.

Now all we can do is love him and hope he will understand that in order to save him from a criminal record, we had him taken against his will hoping Seed will do for him what it was able to do for so many others---to clear his head, to make him happy and high on life again in place of being high on Marihuana - so he will be able to function as a useful citizen.

I can still hear him get up at the first open meeting, in view of all the other youngsters and their parents, and speak as a newcomer. He spoke thus: "My name is Kenny Keefe, my parents brought me here - I have been here for four days now - I am here because I have smoked Marihuana."

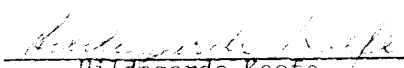
WE MISS HIM SO!! WE ARE SCARED PARENTS! WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS.

WE DO NOT WANT MARIHUANA LEGALIZED!!!

Legalization of Marihuana would add to our Nation's problem drinkers,= the problem of the habitual "Pot Head."

In the name of our children WAKE UP!! The Government Commission should be awakened to the reality of their responsibilities. The damage already done amongst the young users and the users who went on to other drugs, is great. We hope it is not too late to retract their unrealistic and old report on one of man's great enemies --- the undermining drug "Marihuana."

The Commission's attempt to justify their recommendation of legalizing Marihuana by comparing it to the already legal and misused drug "alcohol" which has been an open trap for many of our teenagers, making Marihuana one of the lesser evils, is an irresponsible statement. Marihuana should be judged on its own destroying merits.

  
Hildegard Keefe

P.S. Enclosed is an article that recently appeared in the St. Petersburg Times which gives the thought of another Mother.

# Marijuana Doesn't Feel Good

NOV 10 1972

(Editor's Note: The following guest column carries no byline. It needs none. It was written by one St. Petersburg mother. It could have been written by many.)

**Drugs!**  
If you've never tried having a discourse on marijuana you haven't missed much.

Now I don't know a heck of a lot about grass. But, as I understand it, no one else does either.

So doesn't that give ME the right to write?

See, I've had an experience with marijuana and I feel I'm an authority on the stuff. I've found: 1) It looks like a plain, dried-up weed. 2) Contrary to popular opinion, it DOESN'T feel good. Let's go back a few years.

There was this boy I knew. He had a

lot of spunk. Well liked by his classmates. Seemed a born leader. Those at school, his friends, his family were all mighty proud of that boy. And the boy trained to keep his body in top physical condition, as do all good athletes.

He seemed to be achieving all that he strived for.

Then one day during a game, I noticed him standing apart from the team. Everyone else had taken their places, but he stared straight ahead seemingly unaware of his surroundings. Maybe that was the day, those many years ago, that I should have started asking questions. But I sloughed it all off; attributed it to a wild imagination. Today I wish I had asked.

There was another boy. This boy quiet, from all appearances a good boy, and extremely industrious. One

day, quite suddenly, he displayed an over-zealous interest in debating the "glories" of marijuana. About that same time, he made it clear that no one was to disturb his secret belongings. And he went so far as to purchase a lock for his "things."

That was years ago.

I was sure I knew the boy well. I was certain the boy could be trusted.

I respected his wishes for an undisturbed secret place.

Today, I wish I'd snooped.

Let's take a look at these two boys as they are today:

Long hair is nice. They both have long hair. Long hair is NOT nice when it's not combed.

They used to comb their hair.

Sloppy clothes are comfortable. Old clothes are practical. Old and sloppy

clothes are fun. Dirty clothes are inexcusable.

At one time they took pride in wearing clean clothing.

Well kept bodies make a pleasing appearance. Physically fit bodies have more fun. Those who care enough to keep themselves in condition live a fuller life. These boys cared, years ago, about that which they alone can be held responsible for; their own bodies.

Today, from all appearances, they no longer give a darn. Now all those items could be considered as trivia — judgments made from "outward appearances." But it would seem to me they don't give a damn about moral values ... respect for the property of others ... about anything.

Let's consider that effortless gesture of ... a smile. Smiles make others around you happy. Smiles soothe another's spirits. Smiles tend to bring warmth. These boys no longer smile easily.

Marijuana makes a person smile. Isn't it? That's what I've heard. The weed is a cure-all. If you can't find anything in God's beautiful earth to smile about ... take a puff. It gives you a "nice" feeling, someone said. Let me say it again. A little louder this time. It does NOT feel good.

Have you ever seen a physically fit youth become transformed into a white-faced and bleary-eyed wanderer? ... wondering all the while why he isn't feeling up to par the next day?

Have you watched while a family member awakens with a strange gruff voice, saddened quizzical eyes — all of the dazed expressions of a marijuana hangover?

Have you seen a beloved boy looking at you searchingly with eyes wide ... flickering ... trying to form words to answer the simplest of questions — a question he doesn't quite understand, today, because ... because at this moment he's under the influence of marijuana?

Of all marijuana smokers, two per cent reportedly become addicted to smoking it. Are these two per cent the people who refuse to look squarely at their fears? And if the world IS a fearful place, shall we try to change it? Or shall we DISOBTAIN it by some artificial means?

I have watched, unaware that my boys were slowly being lured away by a subtle and seemingly delightful temptation. The feeling of smiles. Marijuana. And my brave and laughing sons — who, to me, were giants — have succumbed to the seemingly innocent powers of that weed of evil and become small and smiling cowards.

I wish I could be proven wrong.

Marijuana does NOT feel good.

A MOTHER

# Professor Discredits Marijuana

ANN LANDERS

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I recently read your inadequate response to the reader who asked, "Is there any scientific evidence that marijuana is harmful?" As a professor of medical physics and physiology at the University of California at Berkeley, may I respond to that question? Five years ago there was an absence of valid information. Today we have the results of studies and clinical evaluation.

We now know that the active ingredient in cannabis (marijuana) affects the brain. Frequent users of cannabis show a limited attention span and the ability to concentrate is sharply reduced. Many cannabis users become lethargic toward their studies, slip to a low level of motivation and the inclination to perform foolish acts rises sharply.

It is not true that marijuana smoking invariably leads to harder drugs. But heavy and frequent cannabis users do go on to heroin more often than was previously believed. The number of heroin addicts is approximately 2-million and most of them graduated from pot. I conducted 454 interviews with heroin addicts and my findings are based on these interviews.

Cannabis users do not understand what has happened to them. In the Journal of the American Medical Association, October 2, 1972, Professors of Psychiatry Kolansky and Moore report on 13 consecutive cases of adult cannabis toxicity. All were previously well-adjusted, productive, responsible people. After daily use, all quit work, deserted families and became indolent. None could explain why. Half of these subjects recovered after total abstinence.

Those who smoke cannabis three years or longer show a poor recovery rate. After three years, daily use of cannabis in heavy doses leads to

brain atrophy.

Approximately 50 per cent of the "weekend" cannabis users progress to daily use in three or four years. The daily user rarely perceives any change in himself. Those I persuaded to try the abstinence test reported a "lifting of a fog," improvement in memory and comprehension, after a month of total abstinence.

We have increasing evidence that cannabis causes defects in embryo development, broken chromosomes and mutations. All this portends some frightening prospects.

Those who say there is no proof that cannabis is harmful are reading old literature or listening to light, short-term users. — Dr. Martin B. Jones, Berkeley, Calif.

DEAR DR. JONES: Thank you for your comments. And now a word from another distinguished authority, Dr. Dana Farnsworth, consultant on psychiatry, Harvard School of Public Health: "One of the principal hazards to educating youth on the dangers of marijuana is the reassurance of the young experimenter who has taken drugs briefly without any apparent ill effects. He concludes that drugs are harmless if they are pure and then says physicians, psychiatrists, parents and professional counselors don't know what they are talking about."

I am not a pharmacologist, a psychiatrist, a psychologist or a physician, but of this I am certain: Most users of marijuana — particularly teenagers who want to expand their minds, explore the unknown, intensify their senses, or just turn on — should be aware that pot, popping pills and needle art are extremely risky.

Whatever goes up must come down, and when you do come down, you're going to be a lot lower than you were before you started to mess with junk. So keep your head together. It's all you have.

—Ann Landers

MARCH 1973

July 26, 1973

Mrs. Janet F. Riley  
7301 Southwest 48 Court  
Miami, Florida 33143

Dear Mrs. Riley:

Thank you for your recent letter supporting Seed, Inc.

On July 17, I appointed Honorable Herboth S. Ryder, Circuit Judge, Tampa, as chairman of the Drug Abuse State Advisory Council to assist my office as well as the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in an effort to attack the awesome problem of drug abuse.

The State Advisory Council was appointed as a result of requests to my office by Representatives of the Legislature and members of the Broward and Dade communities to examine the State's licensing requirements and procedures as well as Seed, Inc. It is in this context that I have asked Judge Ryder to appoint a subcommittee to conduct a study of the State's standards and procedures for issuance of licenses for drug abuse treatment programs and advise me whether they are sound and reasonable. If not, specific recommendations for changes will be made which will more effectively carry out the intent of the Florida Statutes. After completing the study, the subcommittee will examine Seed, Inc., to see if all requirements have been met and ensure that those not met are in no way prejudicial to the program.

It is my hope that this study will make a valuable contribution toward strengthening the capability of my office

Mrs. Janet F. Riley  
July 26, 1973  
Page 2

and the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services to develop a stronger and sounder drug abuse program for our youth.

I am pleased to hear your children have graduated from the program and hope they will continue to progress as responsible and productive citizens.

With kind regards,

← Sincerely,

Governor

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July 19, 1973

Governor Reubin Askew  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Dear Governor Askew:

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

I am writing to you regarding  
the Seed Program in the State  
of Florida - This is my second  
letter to you regarding the  
Seed because I was concerned  
in the Spring when the task  
force tried to block the  
licensing of the Seed in Dale  
County.

We ... children have



program & become responsible,  
abiding teenage citizens;  
a parent who has lived  
with and known druggie  
enagers. May I please  
press the worthiness of  
a seed - Why must the seed  
be pushed around when  
her drug programs are  
loved to continue with  
a harassment - from the  
state or from the Health  
Planning Council?

May I quote from the Miami  
Herald, "One long-haired youth  
argued the seed with 'slowing  
ads, moken, kids can't 100

eating them like animals, make  
 em wear diapers and carry  
 ipples in their mouths" -  
 May I ask, Sir, why the  
 earth Planning Council Board  
 - you would be influenced  
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 lyng - the many seedling  
 know have never been  
 objectd to any "dehumanizing +  
 humanizing techniques"  
 e described -

When the seed does work,  
& that is now proven by  
written record, why does

at all? - Isn't the program  
not really helps teenage  
drug addiction worth saving?

I have been told by a  
PC member that this contro-  
versy is nothing but a  
personality clash between  
Rod Mc Cue + Ant Barker.

The rumors against the  
ed are normally started by  
the innuendo themselves -  
why? because they hate the  
ed - why? because I work  
using them to lose some  
their strength in members.

I feel this whole situation  
is fatally unfair to a

good man, Ant Barber,  
to wonder he becomes so  
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he keeps running up  
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idiction in the whole state  
I help save this experience.

rotation, she has most  
tenure - my own kids  
we been saved - I'm only  
concerned about others.

Please excuse the rambling  
letter - This is the one and  
only cause I've ever felt  
strong enough about to  
write letters to my governor,  
nations and other officials -

Thank you for your time -  
and I hope for your help -

Sincerely,

Janet Fried Riley  
(Mrs. Howard W.)

7301 S.W. 48th St.

Miami, Florida

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Howard W. Riley  
7301 S.W. 48th Ct.  
Miami, Florida 33143



Governor Reubin Askew  
State Capitol  
Tallahassee, Fla.

July 30, 1973

Mr. Page Harris  
President  
Dew Cadillac, Inc.  
Post Office Box 144  
Saint Petersburg, Florida 33731

Dear Mr. Harris:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the article appearing in the St. Petersburg Times regarding Seed, Inc.

On July 17, I appointed Honorable Herboth S. Ryder, Circuit Judge, Tampa, as chairman of the Drug Abuse State Advisory Council to assist my office as well as the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in an effort to attack the awesome problem of drug abuse.

The State Advisory Council has been requested to study the State's standards and procedures for issuance of licenses for drug abuse treatment programs and advise me whether they are sound and reasonable. If not, specific recommendations for changes will be made which will more effectively carry out the intent of the Florida Statutes. After completing the study, a select subcommittee will examine the program to see if all requirements have been met and ensure that those not met are in no way prejudicial to Seed, Inc.

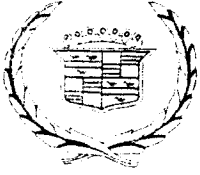
Please be assured of my continued interest and concern for adolescents and drug abuse, and I hope your daughter will have a rapid and permanent recovery.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Governor

ROA:jlp



## DEW CADILLAC INCORPORATED

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ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA 33731

July 19, 1973

Governor Reubin Askew  
Governor's Mansion  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Governor Askew:

This letter is in response to an article appearing in today's St. Petersburg Times captioned "Askew Orders Probe Of State's Handling Of Seed". According to this article you have assigned the Drug Abuse Advisory Council to investigate complaints.

Governor, I am writing this letter as a parent whose fifteen year old daughter has been in the Seed Program for approximately three and one half months and, who feels tremendously indebted to it. In fact, I have been a member of and associated with many organizations in my life, but I have never seen one that has the impact and does the good that this one does.

Furthermore, when you realize the enormity and seriousness of the drug problem today - that is approximately 70 - 90% users in high school and 50% in junior highs - the Seed's impact in a community is considerable. With your child in the program you know that he or she has at least a 90% chance of getting straight and being the type of citizen in the future that we all want.

In closing, Governor, I would hope that your Council would interview Seed parents and children - there are thousands of them - because they can tell you the real story of this Program's dramatic effectiveness.

Very sincerely,

Page Harris, President  
Dew Cadillac, Inc.

PH;cp

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**ART BARKER**  
... delighted

# Askew Asks Review Of The Seed

By **PAT SAMUELS**  
Staff Writer

Gov. Reubin Askew has asked for a statewide review of licensing procedures for drug centers, focusing on the Seed, Inc., a controversial treatment program.

Askew appointed Hillsborough County Circuit Judge Herboth Ryder, chairman of the Florida State Drug Abuse Advisory Council, to appoint and chair a subcommittee to investigate and make recommendations.

"I asked for a review of The Seed because of the controversy surrounding it," Askew said. "Questions raised

about the program by concerned citizens need to be answered."

Art Barker, president of Seed, which started in Broward County in 1970 and now has four centers throughout the state, said he is delighted with the governor's action.

"I have made it well known in the past some of the license programs are not fair," Barker said. "The Seed is now a statewide program and the most successful in the world."

A spokesman at the governor's office said the problem brought to the governor's attention stemmed from apparent

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## Termed Focus Licensing Review

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the state's licensing requirements and those of the Seed program.

He said the governor had been asked by members of the Broward and Dade communities both the Seed and the state's licensing

requested Ryder:

the standards manual for licensing drug and education programs published by the Rehabilitation Service in 1973 to determine requirements and procedures comply with the Florida statutes and whether they are in intent of the law.

recommendations for changes in state laws to more effectively carry out the intent

the Seed program to determine if it meets requirements in licensing procedures. If the Seed has requirements, the committee must answer questions:

requirements not met reasonable and valid acceptable administrative and program

state requirements and procedures in any of Seed?

it changes in the state requirements and procedures?

judicial, what changes in the administration of Seed are indicated?

was unavailable for comment yesterday.

August 13, 1973

Mrs. Harriet Lyon  
Apartment 1509  
5200 North Ocean  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

Dear Mrs. Lyon:

Thank you for your recent letter supporting Seed, Inc.

The Drug Abuse State Advisory Council was established to assist my office as well as the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in an effort to attack the awesome problem of drug abuse and ensure that the drug rehabilitation programs in our State are in compliance with the State's standards and licensing policies and procedures.

In this context, I have asked Judge Ryder to appoint a subcommittee to conduct a study of the State's standards and procedures for issuance of licenses. Specific recommendations for changes will be made which will more effectively carry out the intent of the Florida Statutes if it is found they are not sound and reasonable. After the study is completed, the subcommittee will examine the program to see if all requirements have been met and ensure that those not met are in no way prejudicial to Seed, Inc.

I am pleased to hear your grandson has graduated from the program and has become a responsible and productive citizen.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Governor

ROA/jkb

July 27

Dear Governor:

was a Grandmother of a sixteen year old boy who was on Marajuma Road. His folks took him to the Seed for seven months and followed all the rules Mr Barker laid down for these children and their parent. he has turned out to be a fine young man of 18.

He graduated with high grades and is now a Paramedic in the Plantation Hospital.

I feel that Mr Barker has done a wonderful job and deserves all of the help he can get. He pulled himself up out of the gutter and has made good adults out of these children without methoplane.

I am very proud of him and his parents. So please give Mr Barker all the help he needs.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Ft. Lauderdale News which I hope you

I am not of your political  
party but I am a Presbyterian  
and you have done a  
lot of good for the State  
Florida. Thank you

Very Truly yours.

Mrs Harriet W. Lyon

S. HARRIET W. LYON  
OON OCEAN AP1509  
LAUDERDALE FLA



August 13, 1973

Mr. Ray S. Horey  
49 Yawl Drive  
Cocoa Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Horey:

Thank you for your recent letter supporting Seed, Inc.

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I am pleased to hear your son has graduated from the program and has become a responsible and productive citizen.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Governor

POA/jkb

49 Yawl Drive  
Cocoa Beach, Florida  
July 23, 1973

The Honorable Reuben Askew  
Governor of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida

Re: "The Seed, Inc." Drug Program

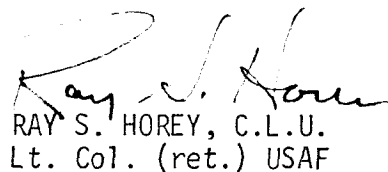
Sir:

An article in the local newspaper reports that you are currently considering matters relating to The Seed, Inc. As a parent of a "Seedling", I want to express my deep concern regarding the drug abuse problem which exists among our young people today, and request support for programs which work toward a solution of this problem.

During the two months that my Son has participated in the program, I have personally observed the dramatic change which has occurred in him and the other young people who enter the "Seed". Not only do they become "straight" with regard to their drug habits, but they adopt a way of life which puts new emphasis on factors which are becoming passé among their contemporaries. "God", "Honor", "Truth", "Country", "Family" become meaningful and important in their daily life style.

I urge you to take the time to personally investigate this program and support its goals.

Respectfully yours

  
RAY S. HOREY, C.L.U.  
Lt. Col. (ret.) USAF

RSH/rm

cc: The Seed, Inc.

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October 23, 1973

Miss Kathleen Dornisch  
2900 64 Street, North  
Saint Petersburg, Florida 33710

Dear Kathleen:

Thank you so much for taking the time to share with me your feelings about "The Seed."

Inasmuch as this program is very controversial, I have asked a subcommittee of the State Drug Abuse Advisory Council, chaired by Circuit Court Judge Herboth S. Ryder of Tampa, to review "The Seed" and present their findings and recommendations to me.

Because of your concern for the young people who have been on drugs and involved in "The Seed," I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to Judge Ryder for information for the subcommittee.

I trust that I will continue to merit your confidence and that I can count on you to do whatever you can to help prevent the young people from experimenting with drugs and pot.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Governor

ROA:jlp

cc: Honorable Herboth S. Ryder

bc: Secretary O. J. Keller, DHRS

April 30, 1974

Honorable C. W. (Bill) Young, M.C.  
Sixth Florida District  
Room 1721, Rayburn Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting information concerning The SEED Drug Rehabilitation Program.

In accordance with your request I am enclosing the following documents: a report prepared at my request by a committee of the Florida State Drug Abuse Advisory Council; the findings of Addiction Consultation and Evaluation, P.C., a consulting firm with whom the committee contracted; and the committee's critique of the Addiction Consultation and Evaluation, P.C.'s findings, prepared by Mr. Stephen Glenn, a committee member.

Your interest in this matter is greatly appreciated. Should any questions arise from any of the documents you may wish to contact my Social Services Advisor, Mr. David Beecher.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Governor

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Attachments

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April 10, 1974

Hon. Reubin Askew, Governor  
State of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Governor Askew:

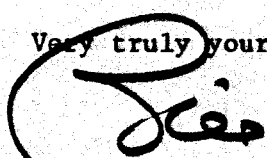
As you know, the SEED drug rehabilitation program has been a subject of interest to many in Florida and particularly to parents in Pinellas County. In addition, there has been considerable discussion over this program's methods of operation and use of federal and state funds.

In attempting to obtain as much information as possible on the program, so that I can best review the drug rehabilitation services provided in Pinellas County by the federal government, I have been advised of a report on the SEED program prepared for you by Dr. Richard Katon.

Therefore, it would be appreciated if you would forward a copy of this report to me, as well as any other information you might on the SEED program.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request, and with best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

  
C. W. Bill Young  
Member of Congress

CWY/gnc

Enjoyed our visit Monday!

May 1, 1974

Ronald D. Sholders, D.D.S.  
Suite 307, 550 building  
550 Brickell Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33131

Dear Dr. Sholders:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting information concerning The SED Drug Rehabilitation Program.

Enclosed is a copy of the report of a special committee of the State Drug Abuse Advisory Council which looked into The SED, Inc., and the licensing procedures of the State Office of Drug Abuse.

It is my hope that the enclosed documents will be helpful in making your decision regarding the support of The SED Drug Rehabilitation Program.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Governor

ROA/jbc

Enclosures

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RONALD D. SHOLDERS, D. D. S.

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APRIL 8, 1974

THE HONORABLE REUBIN ASKEW  
GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA  
STATE HOUSE  
TALLAHASSEE  
FLORIDA

DEAR GOVERNOR ASKEW:

I AM PRESENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE OPERATION DRUG ALERT COMMITTEE OF THE DOWNTOWN MIAMI KIWANIS CLUB AND AM SEEKING INFORMATION WHICH POSSIBLY ONLY YOU HAVE.

ONE OF THE COMMITTEE GOALS THIS YEAR IS TO GET THE SEED DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAM BACK INTO DADE COUNTY. THIS IS THE PROGRAM RUN BY MR. ART BARKER IN PINELLAS AND BROWARD COUNTIES.

I HAVE HEARD RUMORS OF AN INVESTIGATION BY YOUR OFFICE INTO ALLEGED MISHANDLING OF PRESENT DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN DADE COUNTY AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF SUCH AN INVESTIGATION IS IN PROGRESS. IF SUCH AN INVESTIGATION IS IN PROGRESS, WILL IT AFFECT OUR KIWANIS CLUB EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE SEED TOTALLY?

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REPLY AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

SINCERELY,

*Ronald D. Sholders*

RONALD D. SHOLDERS, D.D.S.

RDS/DC

*6. Draft response + in comm. report etc*  
*Thank you for your letter regarding the*  
*Operation Drug Alert Program*  
*and the SEED Drug Rehabilitation*  
*Program. The SEED Program is a part of a*  
*Special Commission of the State of Florida*  
*which is designed to help the drug and the*  
*community.*



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
ALCOHOL, DRUG ABUSE, AND MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

*Drug Abuse Prevention*

MAY 26 1978

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE  
5600 FISHERS LANE  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20857  
AREA CODE 301 TEL: 443-6480

The Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew  
Governor of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Governor Askew:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the 1978 Plan for Drug Abuse Prevention from the State of Florida has been approved.

All of the materials which have been submitted by your Single State Agency have been reviewed and conform to the guidelines established by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The Institute will continue to monitor the implementation of the Florida plan and will provide consultation and technical assistance as necessary. We anticipate that particular attention will be given to those areas which the Institute staff has addressed with the Single State Agency, so that they may be developed further in the coming year.

Please accept our congratulations on the approval of this document. We are looking forward to working with your State and will inform you when the submission date for next year's plan has been determined.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. DuPont, M.D.  
Director

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Jim --

This meeting has been set  
for March 28 at 2:30. Does anyone  
need to brief the Governor before it  
or will someone sit in on the meeting?

Lorna

Palm Beach Junior College Grads Center

1185 South Main Street, Belle Glade, Florida 33430

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Office of the Executive Director

January 2, 1974

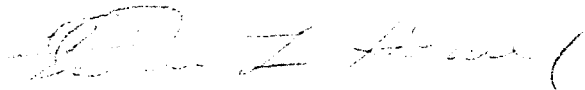
Reubin O'D Askew, Governor  
State of Florida  
Drug Abuse Program  
320 Blount Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Governor Askew:

It is with deep regret that I find my professional duties have forced me to submit my resignation as a member of the Florida State Drug Council.

Please know that I feel honored to have been chosen as a member of such a worthy council. Feel free to contact me for future duties.

Sincerely yours,



Freddie L. Harrell,  
State Drug Abuse Advisory Council

FLH:mr

cc: Herboth S. Ryder, Chairman

CHAMBERS OF  
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132 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
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HERBOTH S. RYDER

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Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew  
Governor, State of Florida  
Capitol Building  
Tallahassee, Florida

Attention: Mr. David Beecher

Dear Governor Askew:

During the middle of December 1973, Dr. Benjamin A. Johnson, Regional Medical Consultant, Division of Health, resigned as a member of the Florida State Drug Abuse Advisory Council. Dr. Johnson also submitted his resignation from the Division of Health so that he might take a position in the State of West Virginia.

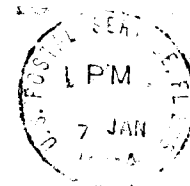
Prior to Dr. Johnson's resignation, we also experienced the resignations of the Honorable George I. Wagenheim and William R. Gitler.

Of course, as you know, Mr. Wagenheim was on the State Council as Chairman of Regional Advisory Council I, a post he still wishes to retain.

Mr. Gitler was the youth representative to the Council and Dr. Johnson was an ex-officio member representing the Division of Health.

Although the State Advisory Council has 19 other members, I believe it would be important to have representation from Region I which encompasses the counties of Escambia all the way over to Gulf; and student input would be most desirable as well. Certainly, a representative from the Division of Health should be in attendance as well.

HERBOTH S. RYDER  
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Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew  
Governor, State of Florida  
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES . . . . .

STATE OF FLORIDA

O. J. Keller, Secretary

Reubin O'D Askew, Governor

# OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew  
Governor of Florida  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Governor:

I wish to recommend the appointment of Willis N. Murray in Dade County to be the Regional Chairman for our Dade County Drug Abuse Advisory Council.

Mr. Murray, who is a black, has been active on the Dade County Comprehensive Health Planning Council and is highly recommended by Dr. Benes who is Chairman of that Council. He is a teacher and very much interested in this program. A copy of his resume is attached for your consideration.

We would appreciate this appointment being made as soon as possible since Dr. Everett Shocket, the past Regional Chairman has resigned.

Sincerely,

O. J. Keller  
Secretary

OJK:rrh

Attachment

## RESUME

Willis N. Murray

### Personal:

Native of Sanford, Florida

Married; two daughters, Barbara and Karlar.

Wife: Rosemary B., Counselor,  
Norland Senior High

### Educational Background

Public School, Dade County

Graduate, Booker T. Washington  
High School, Miami, Florida

Undergraduate Study - Florida A&M  
University

B.S. Degree - Undergraduate Major:  
Individual Education and Elementary  
Education

Graduate - Florida A&M University  
M.A. Degree, Area Guidance

Post Graduate Study - Florida Atlantic  
University, University of Miami and  
Barry College

### Professional Experience

Dade County Elementary Education,  
R.R. Moton, Floral Heights Junior  
High School - Allapattah Junior High  
School, Basic Education Counselor

Douglas Elementary - Visiting Teacher  
Counselor

South Central District - Visiting Teacher

### Professional Membership

1. Classroom Teacher Association
2. National Education Association
3. Florida Association Pupil Personnel
4. Florida Association of Visiting  
Teachers

Resume  
Willis N. Murray

5. Florida Education Association
6. American Personnel and Guidance Association

Other Memberships

1. Member of Dade County Transportation Advisory Committee
2. Board of Directors, Comprehensive Health Planning Council of South Florida