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Honorable [name]:

The purpose of this letter is to bring an awareness of the Narcotics Anonymous program in Hawaii to you as a government official. We hope to create a better understanding of our Fellowship so that our program may be of value to the people you serve and that you will know how to contact us for further information.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) is a non-profit fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. NA is fully self-supporting, declining outside assistance. We practice a tradition of non-endorsement and issue no opinions on outside issues. We are non-professional, believing that the therapeutic value of one addict helping another is without parallel.

NA was founded in 1953 and has grown to conduct over 30,000 meetings per month in 119 countries throughout the world. In the State of Hawaii there are over 110 public and institutional meetings each week. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other to stay clean. Ours is a program of complete abstinence from all drugs. We are concerned with the disease of addiction and recovery from that disease; an addict's choice of drug/drugs is unimportant to us.

NA in Hawaii is organized locally on each island. Services provided, other than a recovery meeting, are public information presentations, telephone "helplines" and panel presentations within hospitals, treatment centers and institutions, are staffed by volunteers from each local NA community. We have no paid staff here in Hawaii. Statewide NA is organized through a single regional service committee comprised of representatives from each local area.

We've enclosed literature from our program along with an abstract paper written and presented by our World Service Office at an international conference. We hope you and your staff have a chance to read them.

Also enclosed are current meeting schedules for the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the Big Island. These meeting schedules, which are updated monthly, can be downloaded for reproduction from our regional website (www.na-hawaii.org).

In September of 2005, NA Hawaii is excited and honored to host the 31st World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous at the Convention Center here in Honolulu. Up to 15,000 recovering members of the NA fellowship will be here to celebrate being clean and in recovery. We look forward to this event and hope that we will a positive impact on our community.

We hope this communication finds you well. Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information.

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Welcome to NA

Who, What, How and Why

NA - A Resource in Your Community

Am I an Addict?

For Those In Treatment

Narcotics Anonymous: A Commitment to Community Partnerships

Oahu Meeting Directory

Kauai Meeting Directory

Maui Meeting Directory

The Big Island Meeting Directory