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## **President Bush Wants \$15 Million to Drug Test Kids Federal Studies Show Testing Fails to Deter Youth Drug Use**

### **White House Tours Country Pushing Testing on Schools Anyway**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – President Bush’s 2007 budget request released last week includes \$15 million for random student drug testing in schools across the country. Next week, the White House makes its second stop in a nationwide tour to encourage schools to utilize this year’s grant money. But students and educators opposed to testing are attending all the federal summits to express concern over the practice’s ineffectiveness, costliness, and invasiveness.

“Drug testing fails to reduce youth drug abuse,” said Kris Krane, executive director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. “Taxpayers’ money should be spent wisely. Instead, the President wants to flush limited drug prevention resources down the toilet – literally – on programs that just don’t work. Scarce federal education dollars would be better spent on after school programs that are proven to reduce student drug use.”

The largest study ever conducted on student drug testing, which was federally-funded, looked at more than 90,000 students at 900 schools around the country and found that the practice is not “associated with students’ reported illicit drug use—even random testing that potentially subjects the entire student body.”

On February 22, officials from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy will host a pro-drug testing summit in San Diego, CA. In the coming weeks, additional summits will be held in Falls Church, VA and Milwaukee, WI.

*Students for Sensible Drug Policy, a national organization with college and high school chapters, is committed to providing education on harms caused by the War on Drugs, working to involve youth in the political process, and promoting an open, honest, and rational discussion of alternative solutions to our nation's drug problems.*

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