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Dear GEAR UP State Director:

I write today to announce an exciting new opportunity designed to take GEAR UP to the next level. I am referring to the GEAR UP "Get the Word Out" Advocacy Workshop being held on January 12, 2004 in Washington, DC on Capitol Hill. With passage of the fiscal year 2004 Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations bill expected in the near future, it is necessary that we begin to focus our attention on ensuring that GEAR UP continues to receive widespread congressional support in terms of both reauthorization and appropriations. I am convinced that the only way we can accomplish such a goal is through the development of a collective effort to educate Members of Congress, staff, and other public officials on the effectiveness and achievements of GEAR UP programs throughout the nation. Therefore, I, along with the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP) urge all state directors to attend the January 12, 2004, GEAR UP "Get the Word Out" Advocacy Workshop to learn more about how to successfully promote your programs. Save the date and look for additional information and registration materials in the coming weeks!

WHO: GEAR UP STATE DIRECTORS

WHAT: GEAR UP "Get the Word Out" ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

WHERE: 2168 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, DC

WHEN: MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2004

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