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Acting Assistant Secretary George Sheldon  
Administration for Children and Families  
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Dear Mr. Sheldon:

As the Chairman of the Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee, I have supported programs that ensure the availability of sexual risk avoidance (SRA) education. Research detailed in the Committee's report on SRA, "A Better Approach to Teenage Pregnancy Prevention," shows that SRA is not only the best choice, but often the first choice of both parents and teens.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, it is important that SRA education be readily available.

The Competitive Abstinence Education Program (CAE) and Title V State Abstinence Education Grant Program (Title V) that provide for SRA are administered through the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). These SRA programs are important, and we need to ensure that they are implemented consistent with the intent of Congress. To that end, please provide the following grant management information related to the SRA programs over which you have oversight:

CAE

- Funding announcements
- Number of applications submitted
- Procedures for choosing reviewers, convening review panels, and selecting panel leaders
- Review criteria

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<sup>1</sup> "A Better Approach to Teenage Pregnancy Prevention: Sexual Risk Avoidance," Energy and Commerce Committee, July 2012.

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- Process for awarding grants
- List of curricula used by grantees
- Grantee progress reports, including number of students served
- Evaluation studies
- Selection process

Title V

- Funding announcements
- Number of applications submitted and states which submitted applications
- List of curricula used by grantees in the states
- Grantee progress reports, including students served
- Evaluation studies

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Destro or Heidi Stirrup with Majority Staff at (202) 225-2927. Your timely response is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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