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Dear Editor:

Have you heard about National Drug-Free Work Week which is coordinated by the U.S Department of Labor on October 20-26, 2008? It is a dedicated time each year to highlight the benefits of drug-free workplace programs to employers, workers and communities.

Throughout the week there will be activities across the nation to share information about implementing effective drug-free workplace programs that focus on detection and deterrence, while also assisting and supporting workers who may have substance abuse problems. The objectives of a drug-free workplace program are clear: drug-free workplaces save lives, increase productivity and save companies money.

Did you know:

- 1 in 6 employees are substance abusers?
- Over 90 percent of alcoholics and 76 percent of drug users are employed?
- Substance abusers are over 3 times more likely to have an accident on the job?
- 47 percent of workplace accidents that end in serious injury and 40 percent of workplace accidents that end in death have alcohol and other drugs involved?

Operating drug-free workplace programs is recognized by the state of Ohio (as well as several other states) as being so important that it is a requirement under law in order to work on a publicly funded construction project. The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation also joins other states in awarding up to a 20 percent discount on a company's workers' compensation premiums if they are operating a drug-free workplace program.

Drug-Free Action Alliance, a statewide not-for-profit organization that promotes safe and drug-free communities, and Working Partners®, Ohio's recognized industry leader in drug-free workplace programming, encourage Ohio's employers to commemorate Drug-Free Workplace Week October 20-26, and continue to take action to protect the health and safety of America's world-renowned workforce.

Sincerely,

Patricia Harmon, Executive Director
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