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Subject: Suits against Straight, Inc.

Your writer, Jim Wolfe, who wrote the article "Four To File Suits Against Straight" in the Fairfax Journal of 12/7/82, quotes extensively from an interview with attorney Keith Stroup without giving important information about this infamous individual and of his more infamous pro-drug point of view. For Straight, Inc. to be criticized by Stroup with his long background of nation-wide pro-drug agitation is a better defense of Straight, Inc. than any other single item of news that could be written.

According to the 1981 book "High In America" by Patrick Anderson (available in the Fairfax County public libraries) as quoted from its cover flap, "Keith Stroup, a young lawyer... was reborn in the 1970s as Mr. Marijuana, the Prime Minister of Pot, and thereafter American politics were never quite the same... The tireless Stroup forged a political coalition that stretched from eminent scientists to pot smoking lawyers to pie-throwing Yippies, and this unique lobby sparked a wave of reform that saw a dozen states end criminal penalties for marijuana use"

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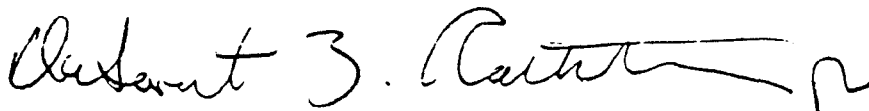
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It is to be expected that Keith Stroup, as the single person who is most responsible for the horrible epidemic of drug use by children in this country, would find fault with those who would with sacrificial dedication try to rescue those helpless kids from their enslavement to drugs.

At present, the only age group in America that has an increasing mortality rate (all others are declining) is the group from 15 to 24, primarily due to their increasing use of mind altering substances such as Stroup advocates legalizing.

For the many illegal activities attributed to Stroup in the book, he is deserving of prison, not uncritical quotation as reporter Wolfe has adorned him with on the pages of the Fairfax Journal. But for his role in contributing to the depredation of America's young people through their use of illegal drugs he deserves much worse...

Hang in there, Straight. With enemies like Stroup and his kind, you must be the legitimate and effective drug rehabilitation program for kids that we parents are counting on you to be.



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