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March 12, 1973

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I am very disappointed in the record established by the Office of Drug Abuse since its inception; also in the amount of money requested to operate for the coming year. They appear to be very weak and ineffective in their operation, and particularly in their attitude in turning over their legal authority by Florida statute to local Health Planning Councils by contract, who are an advisory committee only.

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It is unfortunate that this program is not encouraged by the Office of Drug Abuse to expand its program throughout the state, instead of having obstacles thrown before it at every turn.

I will arrive in Tallahassee Monday, March 19th, and request to meet with you to discuss this problem and to come to some final solution to the licensing procedure within the Office of Drug Abuse. I would appreciate being informed of the appropriate time and place.

Sincerely,



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JACKSONVILLE, FLA..... H80	89	316	-	-	150	-
LARGO, FLA..... H80	1	78	-	1	1	-
MIAMI, FLA..... H19	* 80	* 257	* 2	* 2	* 229	-
PENSACOLA, FLA..... H80	37	62	-	-	64	-
WEST PALM BEACH, FLA..... H80	56	275	-	-	275	-
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ATLANTA, GA..... H80	142	255	-	142	-	-
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February 7, 1974

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Mr. David Beecher  
Governor's Office  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Fla. 32304

Dear Dave:

Enclosed is copy of the Dade delegation report on drug rehabilitation programs in Dade County and some of their problems--past and present. I thought this would be of interest to you.

I checked with Art Barker on the LEAA grant for St. Petersburg and was informed that the local comprehensive drug programs in the county were requiring more stringent regulations than the grant was written for, i.e. the county is to retain all funds and issue checks on a voucher system for the disbursement of the monies. Art advises me that he is seriously considering rejecting the grant because of the additional conditions and relying solely on community support (non governmental).

No other problems exist to my knowledge.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George", written over a horizontal line.

George Baumgartner

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February 25, 1974

Mr. George I. Baumgartner  
Representative, District 100  
15221 Northeast 21 Avenue  
North Miami Beach, Florida 33162

Dear George:

Thank you very much for sending to me the Dade delegation report on drug rehabilitation programs in Dade County. I read the report with much interest and have sent a copy of it to Judge Ryder. I would like to get his thoughts on this which I will pass on to you.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Art Barker concerning his rejection of Federal and State funds to operate the corporation. George, I would appreciate hearing your insights on this matter.

g I am looking forward to getting together with you soon.

Sincerely,

David R. Beecher  
Social Services Advisor

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Enclosure