

March 14, 2011

Director Gil Kerlikowske
Executive Office of the President
Office of National Drug Control Policy
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Kerlikowske,

I am requesting your appearance in Palm Beach County Florida, as the keynote speaker for the 5th Annual NOPE National Candle Light Vigil, as well as your participation as national keynote speaker by means of video.

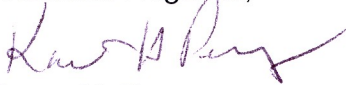
This year the vigil will be held nationwide on Thursday, October 27th. The Palm Beach County Vigil will be held at the Kravis Center's Gosman Amphitheatre in West Palm Beach, starting with a reception at 6:00 p.m., with the vigil ceremony beginning at 7:30 p.m. Additionally, I would like to invite you and your attending staff to our traditional dinner immediately following the vigil.

I cannot thank you enough for your participation in last year's event! Your passion and commitment to this issue is truly inspiring. Your presence reassured the families in attendance that each name, face and voice was recognized, heard and remembered.

Thanks to your support, NOPE held vigils in 47 communities across 16 states with thousands attending nationwide. Palm Beach County had over 600 participants! Last year's vigil inspired several communities to initiate NOPE chapters. These communities will soon provide NOPE programs in their schools, working to prevent future tragedies!

I would like to thank you again for your past support and am looking forward to working with you further on combating substance abuse in our nation.

Warmest Regards,



Karen H. Perry
Executive Director