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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

October 19, 2015

Mr. Chuck Rosenberg
Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration
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Dear Administrator Rosenberg,

I am writing to you today in regards to the danger of a new drug by the name of Alpha-PVP. It is a truly menacing drug that destroys the lives of those who use it and endangers those who do not. The devastating effects that this could have on a community are serious, and the number of violent incidents that have resulted from people using this drug continues to increase.

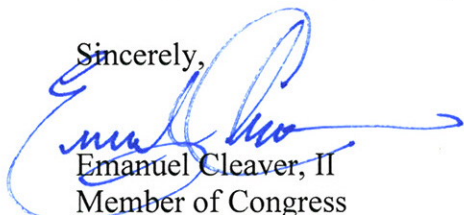
Currently incidents involving Alpha-PVP, also known as Flakka, are prevalent in areas throughout the Southeastern and Midwestern regions of the United States. Some members of these communities have lost their lives in Flakka-related incidents.

This year alone over two dozen people have died from Flakka-related incidents, and the number is expected to rise. Those who have picked up an addiction to the drug are at extreme risk of death. Flakka is said to be just as addictive as cocaine but even more dangerous, and some believe it will begin to spread across the United States. It is of paramount importance that we protect communities from this deplorable drug.

According to reports, even though Flakka is illegal, foreign companies still sell the substance online. Unfortunately, their laboratories have become a source for drug cartels in North and Central America. It is my hope that you will do all that is in your power to prevent this drug from spreading any further than it already has. To that point, I am urging the DEA to take the necessary steps to prevent Flakka from being sold by internet distributors to persons in the United States. It is imperative that the DEA continue working diligently -- and if needed work with other federal agencies, credit card companies, and online retailers -- to halt all online transactions.

Your attention to this serious issue is greatly appreciated. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 225-4535.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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