

**WASHINGTON D.C.** - Congressman Terry (NE-02) will serve as an honorary host for Abstinence Day on the Hill 2006, and speak to 100 abstinence education leaders and students, from all over the , who have chosen to abstain from sexual activity until marriage. Terry will also speak at a Senate luncheon open to the media. The students and leaders in the abstinence movement will spend two days briefing lawmakers and their staff about the powerful difference abstinence education programs are making in the lives of American youth.

"For the past two years, I have been proud to serve as an honorary host for some of the most successful abstinence program leaders in the nation, and the students whose lives have been changed by their work," Terry said.

"Over three million American teenagers contract an STD each year.

This is a tragedy that we can reverse through abstinence education that sets a high standard for our teenagers and gives them the tools they need to live up to that standard and set an example for the next generation."

Last year, over 40 Members of Congress joined Rep. Terry in securing a \$10.8 million increase for abstinence education programs nationwide. Terry also led the effort to successfully defeat the Lautenberg Amendment to gut abstinence programs by creating a definition of medical accuracy that would depend upon the "medical approval" of groups such as Planned Parenthood and the American Medical Association that advocate "safe sex" and condom distribution to children.

Students participating in Abstinence Days on the Hill are available for media interviews, along with selected members of Congress. Abstinence Director Laura Buddenberg with Girls and Boys Town from Nebraska will speak at a House of Representatives luncheon to educate Congressional staff about the importance of this work. Pr  
resident Bush's Domestic Policy Advisor, Claude A. Allen...!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Abstinence Day on the Hill is sponsored by a number of organizations including the Gerard Health Foundation, the Heritage Foundation, Family Research Council, Project Reality, National Abstinence Clearinghouse, and National Federation for Abstinence Education.

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**Who:** ████████████████████ **Congressmen Lee Terry (R-NE), selected students and educators**

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**When:** □□□□□□□□□□ **THURSDAY, February 16, 2006**

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