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Dear Lodge and Chapter Officers,

On Saturday October 28, 2017, The Ohio State Moose Association will hold its Student Congress at the Newark Moose Family Center #499. The success of this year's Student Congress will be assured with your help and participation! We are asking each Lodge and Chapter in the Association to reach out to their local High Schools and to select students to represent their schools on that this day. Please explain to the school contacts that the students chosen will participate in a day of talks on substance abuse. ***Youth Awareness is a core initiative within the Heart of the Community program set forth by Moose International, and your participation is a simple, easy HOC project for you Lodge/Chapter.***

After the Congress, student participants will have the information they need to return to their communities and give "Kidstalk" Presentations to younger children, ages four to nine. Talks can be given to school classes, 4H groups, afterschool programs, or any other civic organizations. Presentations need to be completed and forms returned to me by February 28,2018. The necessary forms will be distributed to students at the Student Congress.

The student application is included with this letter. If you need more than the one enclosed, feel free to make copies. Each Lodge is asked to sponsor one or more students. The fee per student is \$25.00, payable to the OSMA, which includes all of the activities, lunch, and breaks. ***Please return all applications and fees to me no later than October 20, 2017. This will help with planning the event.*** Lodges and Chapters sponsoring a student are asked to provide his/her transportation to and from the Congress.

Based on the returned Kidstalk presentation reporting forms, student(s) will be chosen to attend the 2018 International Student Congress to be held in Boston, Massachusetts from April 26 through April 30. At this International Congress, five students will be chosen to receive scholarships ranging in value from \$12,000 to \$2,000! Ohio's winner will also be awarded a \$500 scholarship courtesy of the Ohio State Moose Association.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this program and I look forward to meeting your representatives in Newark!

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