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The President  
The White House  
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YOUTH VIOLENCE  
NEA

Dear Mr. President:

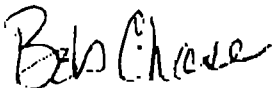
On behalf of the National Education Association (NEA), it is my distinct pleasure to invite you to join me in leading a forum on the critical issue of youth violence. In light of recent tragedies across the country, we believe it is essential to raise the profile of initiatives to protect our nation's children from violence.

NEA has agreed to host a forum in conjunction with this October's Congressional Youth Conference on Teen Violence, sponsored by Minority Leader Gephardt and over 115 House Democrats. We expect approximately 400 teenagers from across the nation and many members of the news media to attend this forum. The "town meeting" structure of the forum will enable participants to engage in a personal, in-depth dialogue with you about the causes of -- and solutions to -- youth violence. We believe this will be an exciting event that will enable teenagers to voice concerns and channel their energy toward proactive, positive solutions.

We have scheduled the youth violence forum to take place at NEA headquarters on the evening of October 19th. Please have your staff contact Mary Elizabeth Teasley, NEA Director of Government Relations, at 202-822-7321 to confirm your participation in this important event.

We thank you for your continued concern and commitment to addressing youth violence and look forward to your participation in the forum.

Sincerely,



Bob Chase  
President

cc. Karen Tramantano